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## County Board holds annual organizational meeting

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners' annual organizational meeting on January 5 held little in the way of changes for the upcoming calendar year.

In 2002, the Board voted to allow the term of its chairperson to increase from one to two years, therefore District 4 Commissioner Lynnette Corlew will continue leading the Board as its Chairperson in 2004.

Board members re-elected unanimously District 2 Commissioner Scott Hanson to continue serving as their Vice Chairman.

As County Chair, Corlew reappointed District 5 Commissioner Dave Stephenson as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, District 3 Commissioner Shelley Pinkelman as Chairperson of the Personnel and Labor Committee, District 1 Commissioner Harold "Tike" Golnick as Chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee, and District 7 Commissioner Terry Beardslee as Chairman of the Judicial Committee.

Chairpersons of each committee are chosen for their background and interest in their particular committee. Before making the re-appointments, Corlew confirmed the willingness of each Commissioner to continue leading their respective committees.

The Board also discussed its Board Procedures and recommended some changes.

The recent absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair from a regular meeting of the Board due to illness, caused the remaining five to have to decide who would preside over the meeting. No board rule had been established to address such a situation.

The Commissioners agreed the chain of command proceed as follows: Chair, Vice Chair, Chair of Ways and Means, Chair of Personnel and Labor.

In the matter of leadership at board workshops, the County Chair will open the workshop, then pass leadership on to the appropriate committee chairperson, depending on the nature



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners and other county officials met January 5 for the Board's annual organizational meeting to prepare for business in 2004. From left, County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore, County Controller Paul Compo, and Commissioners Harold "Tike" Golnick (R-District 1), Vice Chair Scott Hanson (R-District 2), Shelley Pinkelman (R-District 3), Chair Lynnette Corlew (R-District 4), Terry Beardslee (R-District 7), Dave Stephenson (R-District 5) and Rick Anderson (D-District 6).

of the workshop.

To allow for the continuance of business in the event of the absence of the Board Chair, the Commissioners recommended the Vice Chair become signature designee for such documents as resolutions and grant application approvals that are time-sensitive.

Board members also agreed to establish a deadline of 4:30 p.m. on the Friday before any meeting for those wishing to be put on the its agenda. Exceptions can be made for emergency situations. Corlew said this will save the county money by reducing the amount of times County Clerk Sandra Moore has to make changes and new copies of the agenda.

The new rule will also allow Moore to have the Commissioners' information packets ready for their review by noon on Monday before

each meeting, giving them a bit more time to learn the details of issues coming before the Board.

The Board agreed to add a clause to its procedures that will reserve its right to include any person in an executive session it determines could contribute to the discussion of an issue. No action can be taken in an executive session. The action must be addressed in open session for a vote. Executive sessions are used in most instances to protect the privacy of an employee or for discussions with legal counsel.

A vote on these board procedure changes will take place at the County's first regular meeting of the year.

A schedule of Committees of the Whole and regular full board meetings was established:

Committees of the Whole

will be held at 6 p.m. on the following dates: January 13, February 5, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2.

Regular full board meetings will be held at 9:30 a.m. on the following dates: January 21, February 11, March 17, April 13, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15.

Budget hearings for the Fiscal Year 2005 are scheduled for September 30.

Besides their duties on the Board and with Committees, Commissioners serve as liaisons or voting representatives for Crawford County with many other agencies. Assignments for 2004 are as follows:

Corlew - Emergency Management, Public Health,

Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Northern Counties.

Hanson - Library Board, Emergency Management, Public Health (Alternate), Planning and Zoning, Environmental/Soil and Water, Economic Development Fund, Parks Commission (Alternate), Northeast Michigan Council of Government (NEMCOG) (Alternate), Family Independence Agency (including Strong Families/Safe Children and Crawford County Collaborative Body).

Golnick - Community Corrections Advisory Board, Commission on Aging, Economic Development Fund, Parks Commission, Mobile Medical Response (MMR).

Pinkelman - Community Corrections Advisory Board

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## Deaths remain a mystery

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The deaths of a Roscommon County father and his daughter, and the illness of his wife, have health officials and law enforcement baffled.

Michigan State Police at the Houghton Lake Post are continuing their investigation into what they are calling the "suspicious deaths" of Gerald Mayhew, age 64, and his daughter, Christina Mayhew, age 35.

The situation began to unfold on December 31 when Carol Mayhew, wife of Gerald, was taken by ambulance from the family's home at 204 East Skyline Drive in AuSable Township to Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

A description of her symptoms and type of treatment she is receiving have not been released. She remains hospitalized in stable condition as of press time.

Just two days later, on Friday, January 2, ambulances from South Branch Township and Mobile Medical Response returned to the home and found one person had died, while another was transported to the hospital, but died later of unknown causes as well.

Post Commander F/Lt. Patrick Boyd said his office is working with Dr. Robert Graham, an administrator at Central Michigan District Health, as well as the Roscommon County Health Department and Sheriff's Department in an attempt to identify the reason for the illnesses and subsequent deaths.

"There were also two grandchildren in the house, about 12 and 14 in age," said Dr. Graham, "but they have no sign of illness." Because of this, carbon monoxide poisoning does not seem to be the culprit.

"We don't have a lot of answers here," said Boyd. "At this point, we have to leave most of the investigation in the hands of doctors and scientists."

Dr. Graham said there is no  
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## Watchful neighbor helps spare family's belongings

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A family of five was able to keep most of its personal belongings after a New Year's Eve house fire, thanks to the watchful eye of a neighbor and quick response by fire fighters.

About 11:25 p.m. on December 31, Beaver Creek Fire Department responded to a home on Switzer Boulevard when a neighbor reported seeing flames in the rear of the house. No one was home at the time.

Fire Chief Ed Holtcamp soon called for a second alarm, asking

for water point and tanker assistance from the Grayling City and Township Fire Department.

Fire fighters missed welcoming in 2004, as they spent nearly four hours on scene and used about 14,000 gallons of water battling the blaze.

Holtcamp said the home measures only about 800 square feet, so quick action was needed to save what they could. Add-ons to the home created a bit of a challenge, with the fire trying to spread in between double ceilings. But the fire chief said his men were able to keep the blaze

under control and spared a lot of the family's personal belongings.

Key to the success of the fire department was cooperation between the two departments and the availability of a dry hydrant system installed in Beaver Creek Township, Holtcamp said.

"The whole system worked the way it is supposed to," he said. "In areas where there is no public water system, a dry hydrant system is the way to go."

Dry hydrants are installed in many locations throughout the

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## City suspends water fluoridation

Due to an untimely death in the city's Department of Public Works (DPW), the City of Grayling is temporarily suspending the fluoridation of its municipal water supply.

Doug Duby, the DPW supervisor, was the only one at the department licensed to operate the fluoridation process. Duby passed away last week. He had been in and out of the hospital while battling an illness recently, City Manager Allen Lowe said.

According to the city, the suspension of fluoride treat-

ment of the city water supply is not permanent. "The City of Grayling has temporarily discontinued fluoridation of its municipal water supply. This is an interim measure, and you will be notified when fluoridation resumes. The change will not affect the quality, taste or safety of the water," the city stated in its official notice to residents.

The city adds fluoride to its water to "promote healthy teeth," Lowe said. The city is required to notify its residents in the event of a change with its

fluoridation practices, he said.

The city is currently looking into its options with regard to filling Duby's position at the DPW and reinstating its fluoridation.

"We haven't decided what to do with filling Doug's spot," Lowe said.

With regard to the fluoridation, Lowe said the city is looking into having a licensed person from a nearby community take care of it, or have one of the remaining DPW workers get licensed.

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## GVB campaigning hard for tourism

The snow has only begun to fly and the Grayling Visitors Bureau (GVB) is already preparing to capture those summer travelers.

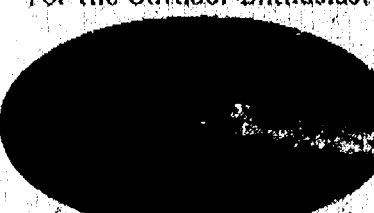
The GVB is partnering with *Midwest Living* and *Travel Michigan* to highlight what Grayling has to offer in the 2004 *Travel Ideas Magazine*.

Through *Travel Ideas Magazine*, the GVB is showcasing Grayling as a destination including attractions and accommodations to 425,000 households in cities throughout Michigan and the Great Lakes Region. The travel guides will be poly-wrapped with *Midwest Living* magazine.

Grayling will also be reaching thousands of additional travelers when availability of the 2004 *Travel Ideas Magazine* is posted on [michigan.org](http://michigan.org). The magazine is sent to all inquiries to Travel Michigan. Additional copies of the 2004 *Travel Ideas Magazine* are distributed throughout the 13 Welcome Centers, Convention and Visitors Bureaus, AAA offices and numerous businesses statewide. A total number of 850,000 guides will be distributed during the 2004 year.

And with the snow flying, the GVB hasn't forgotten about its winter guests. On December 1, 2003 the GVB, the Grayling area's marketing organization, mailed approximately 1,000 let-

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**The Grayling Visitors Bureau has placed advertising in tourism publications, including this ad (smaller than actual size) in the 2004 Travel Ideas Magazine.**

ters to snowmobile enthusiasts inviting them to make a trip to Grayling and promoting lodging gift certificates for Christmas.

The GVB also targeted cross-country ski clubs in Michigan, sending packets of information on trails and retail shops for the cross-country skier. Cross Country Ski Headquarters and Hanson Hills provided trail passes for "buy one, get one free." Lodging brochures were also included.

Both mailings encouraged travelers to visit the GVB website, [www.grayling-mi.com](http://www.grayling-mi.com) for additional information and up to date trail conditions. The Grayling website receives over 250,000 visits per year.

The GVB invests thousands of dollars annually in advertising to promote Grayling and Crawford County. Their annual strategic marketing plan targets households from outside of the Crawford County Area to promote Grayling as a vacation destination.

Putting "heads in beds" has a positive impact on all of the businesses in a community that has a tourism driven economy.

Find out why so many outdoor aficionados make the trip to Grayling. Visit the GVB website at [www.grayling-mi.com](http://www.grayling-mi.com).

## Shelter honors its mission, offers spay/neuter program for cats

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc., in honoring an important part of its mission statement, is offering a program to help local residents get their cats spayed or neutered.

The mission statement includes providing information about animal welfare to adults and children, especially the benefits of spaying and neutering. But the shelter is going to go one step further.

The non-profit organization recently received a grant for \$1,000 to be used specifically for the purposes of promoting spaying and neutering as a means of helping control the local unwanted pet population.

The grant was received from the Very Best Pet Network late last year, following a successful application made by grant writer Cynthia Timmons of Fundfinders, in Grayling, on behalf of the shelter.

Shelter manager Dixie Lobsinger is asking those in the community to call her to make arrangements to have their cats altered, funded in part by grant monies.

"Those of you who let your cats outside, and have not had them spayed or neutered, are contributing to the overwhelming population of unwanted cats in this county," she said. "Most of those unwanted cats and litters of kittens end up at the shelter, and even though we do our best to find homes for all of them, it is no secret that many do not find homes and end up euthanized. We do not enjoy this task and are working hard to reduce the problem."

Many people are of the belief that following alteration, a cat loses its instinct to hunt or "mouse." This is simply not true. Even cats kept for rodent or vermin control on farms remain active in the hunt and continue to earn their keep. "Spaying or neutering your cat will not change its personality," Lobsinger said.

"Once a cat, always a cat."

Altering your cat will also help tremendously in curbing the reasons why so many people let them outside in the first place.

Anyone who has ever heard a female cat in heat in the middle of the night knows it can drive an owner to let her outside. But this only leads to litters of unwanted kittens, time and again. An altered female cat may still go through some "amorous" times after alteration, when she is more affectionate and seeks more of your attention, but the yowling stops and she is much more content to find indoor adventures a satisfying routine.

There are no guarantees that a male cat that has developed the habit of "marking his territory" indoors will cease this practice once neutered. Lobsinger said there remains a 50 percent chance that he will continue this practice, though many stop. He will, however, stop fathering hundreds of kittens.

"We know many more people would like to do the responsible thing, but cannot afford the expense of the surgery. And those who own male cats are just as responsible as those who own females," said Lobsinger. "Their cats are making the babies... they just don't bring them home with them."

This new spay/neuter program will last as long as the grant funds last. Lobsinger has made arrangements with a veterinarian to accommodate as many surgical procedures as the funds will allow. Transportation to and from the vet's office from the shelter will be provided by shelter staff and volunteers.

Anyone who would like to participate in the program is urged to call Lobsinger for reservations and details at 348-9178 or at the shelter at 348-4117.

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firm date he can expect the results of laboratory tests and autopsies being performed at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. Graham said both individuals will undergo a variety of tests for signs of infectious diseases, common "organic" disorders such as heart disease, and toxins.

"We are just as eager as the

public to know exactly what caused these deaths," said Boyd. "But we have to be patient and wait for the results of the autopsies. We do not believe there is any danger to the general public due to lack of illness in the grandchildren who also lived in the home."

Original reports that a quarantine of the emergency room or

any other part of Mercy Hospital in Grayling had been established last Friday, have been denied by hospital spokesperson Meghan Whinnery from her office at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Grayling Mercy Hospital is part of the Munson corporate family.

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(Alternate), Road Commission, Public Health, Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Board.

District 6 Commissioner Rick Anderson - Michigan Northern Counties (Alternate) AuSable Valley Youth Services Bureau, NEMCOG.

Stephenson - Community Mental Health, Planning and Zoning, Industrial Development, Audit Committee.

Beardslee - Northeast Michigan Community Services Agency (NEMCSA), Northeast Michigan Consortium, MMR,

Audit Committee.

Regular and Committee meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held at the Crawford County Building, 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

"We encourage Crawford County residents to attend any or all of the meetings scheduled this year," said Corlew speaking on behalf of the Board. "We are always glad to see constituents."

## Watchful neighbor helps spare family's belongings

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## Local river advocate earns national award

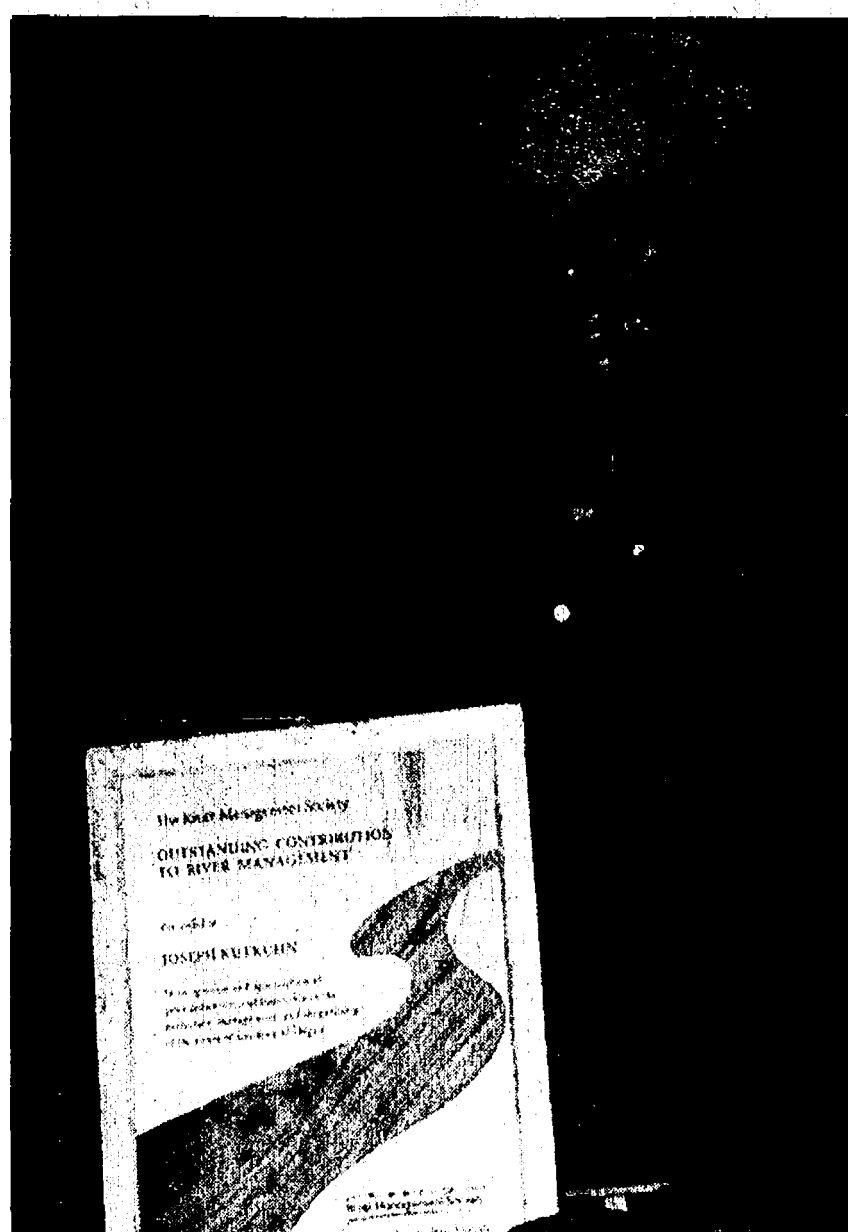
Upper Manistee River Association (UMRA) Vice-President Joe Kutkuhn recently received The River Management Society's "Outstanding Contribution to River Management" award for 2003.

The River Management Society is a national organization based in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. The Award was presented to Kutkuhn "in recognition and appreciation of your dedication and leadership in the protection, management and stewardship of the rivers of northern Michigan."

Kutkuhn worked for 30 years for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a fishery research and management biologist. During this time he was the director of the Great Lakes Fishery Laboratory (Science Center) in Ann Arbor. Following that he completed his career as the Associate Director for Fishery Resources in Washington D.C. He was the recipient of the U.S. Interior Department's Meritorious and Distinguished Service Awards.

He moved to the Grayling area shortly after his retirement in 1987 and has been active in efforts to enhance and protect the Manistee and AuSable River watersheds in northern Michigan. The Upper Manistee River Restoration Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Kutkuhn, has spent almost two million dollars to correct riverbank erosion, reduce the stream bed sand load and enhance the in-stream habitat of trout in the river.

As part of his efforts with



Joe Kutkuhn holds the award he recently received for his work to help ensure the health of northern Michigan rivers.

UMRA he has worked to improve the public's knowledge of river ecology, lobbied for scientific river management, helped with angler surveys for trout population assessments, worked on restoration efforts and worked for natural river designation for the Upper Manistee River. He has also worked to develop an effective management plan for user access on the river.

Kutkuhn has been the chairman of the George Griffith Foundation since 1996, serves on the executive board of Huron Pines RC&D Area Council and is a peer reviewer for the Great Lakes Fishery Trust. He is also a board member of the Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited and is an advisor to the Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited.

## Eggnog recalled

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Customers who have questions may contact Van Gunst at (231) 861-4636.

### Clarification

In the December 18, 2003 issue of the *Crawford County Avalanche* an error was made in the article regarding a proposed road ends ordinance in Grayling Township.

The article misstated that in his letter to the Grayling Township Board of Trustees, township attorney Monte Burmeister recommended the board not adopt the proposed ordinance. Although his letter to the board cited many reasons to be cautious about adopting the ordinance, it stopped short of making any recommendations.

The *Avalanche* regrets the error and any confusion this may have caused.

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## Readers select 'The Perfect Storm'

Crawford County readers looking forward to a new library program, "One Book, One County," have cast their votes for a reading selection - *The Perfect Storm* by Sebastian Junger.

"The excitement was too much..." said Crawford County Library Director Edward Elsner, "excitement in the book and movie based on it."

The staff of the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library in Grayling is hard at work ordering and processing extra copies in all available formats in preparation for this first-time event.

"You will be able to choose from paperbacks, hard covers, large print, audio cassettes, and CDs," Elsner said.

One Book, One County is designed to get the entire county

reading and talking about a selection of popular literature. Elsner encourages everyone who doesn't already have one, to get a copy of *The Perfect Storm*, in whatever format is suitable, from the library and join the discussions next month.

"Read it or listen to it during January and February," he said. "Make it your New Year's resolution."

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*The Perfect Storm* is a real-life thriller that will leave readers with a sense of what it is like to be caught helpless in the grip of a savage force of nature.

Copies of the book will be available at the Library, located at 201 Plum Street in Grayling, and open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Discussions will be held at the library February 19 at 7 p.m. and February 20 at noon.

For more information, call 348-9214 or visit the library online at [www.nlc.lib.mi.us/members/crawford/](http://www.nlc.lib.mi.us/members/crawford/).

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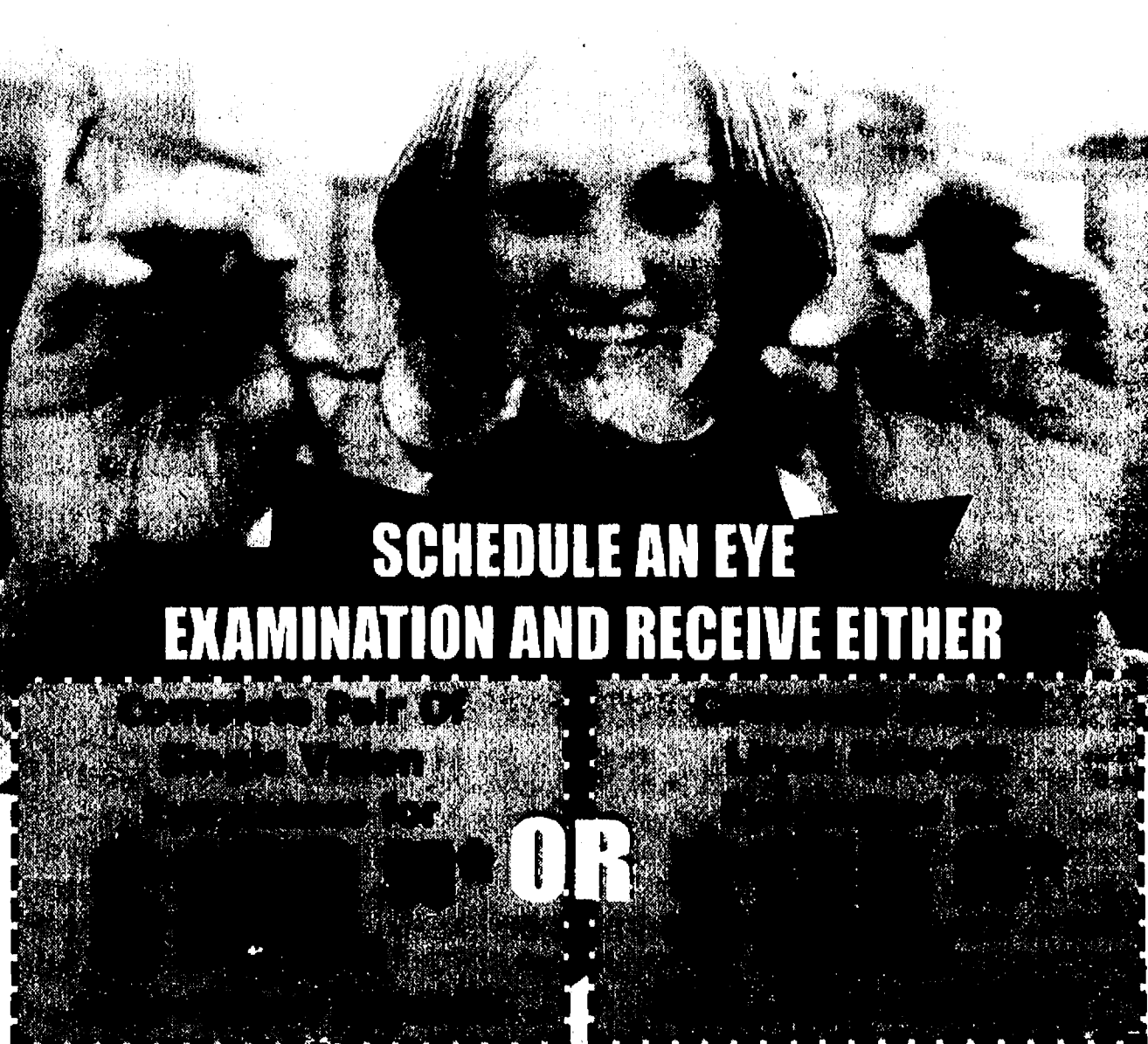
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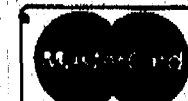
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### All in all, 2003 was a good year for Granholm

**THE FIRST YEAR** in a new job usually is challenging, exhilarating and somewhat frightening.

Michigan's first woman governor, Jennifer Granholm, seems to have not only survived her first year in office but done quite well.

Consider the limitations:

She has held one prior elective office as Michigan attorney general, and the experience is not broadly transferable.

She is the lone elected Democrat on the executive team, and even more important, both houses of the state legislature are controlled solidly by the opposite political party.

The state faced a big operating deficit. Her first job was to balance a budget left by the former governor, and as state revenues declined, other budgets fell short, too.

She replaced a continuous 12 year Republican regime, which had embed-

ded its partisans into key policy and administrative positions throughout state government, and inaugurated a variety of programs, including tax cuts, extending several years into the future.

As exhibited by her campaign and her inauguration address, she brought to the new job optimistic views about changing the old order and doing all sorts of good new things. However, you cannot finance lots of good new things without money, and money is short.

All things considered, Jennifer Granholm did very well in her first year as Michigan governor.

**IF IT SEEMS** as if the governor and legislature in 2003 always were working on cutting government programs, they were.

Budget deficits were a year long problem, beginning with making ends

meet in the last budget enacted under former Gov. John Engler. Then Gov. Granholm submitted her own new balanced budget, but had to slash spending again when revenue estimates slackened and the first Granholm budget fell into the red.

It's a credit both to Gov. Granholm and to the Republicans in the legislature that in every case so far, they have come to sometimes begrudging terms.

In most cases, any heavy political carping both ways came from professional partisans outside the government, whose assignment is to criticize the opposite party, no matter what.

For 2004, financial problems likely will continue, with short budgets again at center stage all year long.

Without adequate finances, new programs will be difficult for either side. Further cuts in existing programs also may be in store.

**GIVEN THE SETTING** and the characters, Gov. Granholm could have faced much more strife than she endured.

In California, for example, Gov. Gray Davis was elected at the same November 2002 election as Ms. Granholm. His political fate at a special recall election made political history.

Some of the same trappings as 2003 faced the lawmaking process in 1959. The results were considerably different.

Gov. G. Mennen Williams was a Democrat and the legislature was solidly controlled by Republicans. They had been haggling about money for years. Mr. Williams was in his sixth two-year term as governor in 1959, always with a Republican legislature. The Michigan economy was in the

dumps in 1959, and state government faced a cash crisis. Gov. Williams for years had proposed a personal income tax, and Republicans for years were dead set against one.

In 1959, both sides refused to compromise, and one day state government statistically ran out of money.

A "payless payday" for state employees gave Michigan a national black eye. There was not an actual "payless payday" although checks were delayed a day or so, and eventually the impasse between governor and legislature was broken.

Such extremes did not occur in Michigan in 2003 .... but problems could have been much more severe if less reasonable people had been in charge.

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

## EDITOR

### Work on new tourism signage ordinance gets thumbs up

To the editor,

The consideration for new tourism signage given by the Grayling City Council and Grayling Planning Commission is very much appreciated by myself, the Grayling Visitors Bureau and all tourism related businesses.

Both the Grayling City Council and Grayling Planning Commission have put a lot of hard work into the new sign ordinance and are still willing to review the need for tourism signs and changes to the sign ordinance to benefit tourists and tourism businesses.

Tourism is vital to our community. It is the largest employer in

the county. Tourism signage will help direct visitors throughout our community as well as contribute to an atmosphere of hospitality.

The Grayling Visitors Bureau has long recognized the need for directional/informational signs for visitors. We sincerely appreciate the Grayling City Council and the Grayling Planning Commission efforts in adopting a tourism-friendly ordinance.

Cheri Hunter

Secretary

Grayling Visitors Bureau and

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### Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

## Avoid headaches: prepare tax return early

► Publications, forms, instructions available by fax, at IRS website, etc.

Earlier is better when it comes to working on your taxes. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) encourages everyone to get a head start on tax preparation. Not only do you avoid the last-minute rush, early filers also get a faster refund.

There are seven easy ways to get a good jump on your taxes long before the April 15 deadline rolls around:

1. Gather your records in advance. Make sure you have all the records you need, including W-2s and 1099s. Don't forget to save a copy for your files.

2. Get the right forms. They're available around the clock on the IRS Web site, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), under "Forms and Publications."

3. Take your time. Don't forget to leave room for a coffee break when filling out your tax return. Rushing can mean making a mistake - and that can be expensive!

4. Double-check your math and Social Security number. These are among the most common errors on tax returns. Taking care on these reduces your chances of hearing from the IRS.

5. Get the fastest refund. When you file early, you get your refund faster. Using e-filing with direct deposit might get you a refund in as little as 10 to 15 days.

6. E-filing is easy. E-filing catches math problems, provides confirmation your return has been received and gives you a faster refund.

7. Don't panic. If you have a problem or a question, remember the IRS is there to help. Try the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Or call the toll-free customer service number at 1-800-829-1040.

The Internal Revenue Service has many forms and free publications on a wide variety of topics to help you understand and meet tax filing requirements.

These forms and publications are available on the Internet, on CD-ROM, through fax on demand, over the telephone, through the mail, at

local IRS offices, at some banks, post offices and libraries, and even at some grocery stores, copy centers and office supply stores.

If you know what form or publication you need, call the IRS toll-free order number at 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). If you're not sure what to order, review IRS Publication 910, "Guide to Free Tax Services," which lists publications and related forms, with descriptions and a subject matter index.

Two other helpful publications are Publication 2053, "Quick and Easy Access to IRS Tax Help and Forms/Fax Forms List."

This four-page publication explains how to obtain forms and publications via personal computer, phone, walk-in, mail or CD-ROM and includes a detailed list of forms available by fax.

Publication 2053A is a shortened version, omitting the three-page "Tax Products by Fax" list.

Personal computer users may download forms and publications from the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). This site also

has links to state tax forms and to forms that you can fill in online and then print.

During the tax-filing season, many libraries and post offices offer free tax forms to taxpayers. Some libraries also have copies of commonly-requested publications. Braille materials are also available.

Many large grocery stores, copy centers, and office supply stores have forms you can photocopy or print from a CD-ROM.

Current tax forms, instructions and publications, as well as prior-year tax materials, are available on CD-ROM. Publication 1796, "Federal Tax Products on CD-ROM," can be purchased from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) for \$22, plus a \$5 handling fee for phone orders. Call 1-877-CDFORMS (1-877-233-6767), or save the handling fee by ordering online at [www.ntis.gov](http://www.ntis.gov).

Finally, you can get that last-minute or forgotten form by fax by dialing 703-368-9694 (not a toll-free call) from your fax machine and following the voice prompts to have the form you need faxed back to you.

### AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to the Crawford County *Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample

space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

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# BRIEFS

## Sheriff to attend South Branch meeting

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will attend the South Branch Township Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 13 at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions or comments for the sheriff should feel free to attend this meeting. Sheriff Wakefield will be in attendance throughout the meeting and, if necessary, remain afterwards for additional questions and comments.

## American Legion Auxillary to meet

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxillary will be held at the American Legion Hall in Grayling on Wednesday, January 14 at 3:30 p.m.

## Visioning session scheduled Jan. 8

The City of Grayling and Crawford County will host a downtown planning and visioning session at the Crawford County Building on Thursday, January 8, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., as part of the continuing process to revitalize the downtown area. The session is open to anyone interested in attending. For more information on the visioning session, contact City Manager Allen Lowe at 348-2131 or County Controller Paul Compo at 344-3202.

## Student-built home to be on display

A home, built by past and present students enrolled in Grayling High School's Building Trades classes, will be open for public viewing from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 10. The home is located at 617 Robinhood Lane in the Sherwood Forest Subdivision, near the intersection of Olde Dam Road and M-72 West in Grayling Township.

## Animal Shelter calendars still available

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County still has copies of its 2004 Pet Calendar for sale for a donation of \$5 each. The calendars were donated to the shelter, so every dollar raised goes directly to the shelter with no overhead costs. The calendars are on sale at the Shelter, next to the Eagles' Hall, and at the Crawford County Avalanche office on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. Also, only about 20 Creature Comfort Cookbooks remain. They are available for a donation of \$15 each and can be purchased at the Animal Shelter, the Avalanche, The Medicine Shoppe and Riverland Gear in Grayling. All proceeds go toward funding daily operations of feeding, housing and caring for homeless animals that come to the shelter.

## Viking Band Boosters to meet

Grayling Viking Band Boosters will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, January 8 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School band room. All band parents are encouraged to attend. Any questions may be directed to Marge Franklin at 348-9726 or Matt Bishop at 344-3574 and leave a message.

## Forestry training program offered

Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) will offer a Sustainable Forestry Education training program for logging contractors, foresters, and landowners on Thursday, January 15, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., in the basement of the Crawford County courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling. There is no charge to attend the class and a minimum of five people must be enrolled or the program will be cancelled. To register, call the MSUE Crawford County office at (989) 344-3263 or (989) 344-3281; or register on-line at: [www.msue.msu.edu/crawford/sfe.htm](http://www.msue.msu.edu/crawford/sfe.htm). Registrations will be accepted until noon on Wednesday, January 14.

## Pageant seeking applicants

Applications are now being accepted for the 2004 Miss Northeast Michigan USA/Miss Northeast Michigan Teen USA pageant to be held at The Opera House in Cheboygan, April 2-3.

The event is an official preliminary to the Miss Michigan USA/Miss Michigan Teen USA event, whose winners go on to the nationally televised Miss USA/Miss USA Teen and then on to Miss Universe.

The pageant is open to young women from the northeast Lower Peninsula and far eastern Upper Peninsula who are between the ages of 14 and 26, never married, a U.S. citizen, and reside or attend school in one of the following counties: Mackinac, Chippewa, Presque Isle, Cheboygan, Montmorency, Otsego, Alpena, Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Iosco, Clare, Gladwin or Arenac.

This program is considered by pageant officials to be an "excellent vehicle" for advancing career, academic and personal goals.

The Teen Delegates must be at least 15 and under 19 years of age as of September 1, 2005, while Miss Delegates must be at

least 18 and under 27 years of age as of February 1, 2005. The top three in each division will receive automatic berths into the Miss Michigan USA/Miss Michigan Teen USA pageant, which will be held in Port Huron next fall.

In addition to the crown and title of Miss Northeast Michigan USA and Miss Northeast Michigan Teen USA, the winners will receive a prize package that includes full fees paid for the state event, gift certificates for clothing, and other valuable prizes.

The first and second runners-up in each division will receive a place in the state event with a portion of their fees paid and other prizes. The contestants are judged in three equal categories consisting of Personal Interview, Swimsuit and Evening Wear. Performing a talent is not a requirement.

For more information and to receive an application form, call the Miss Northeast Michigan USA offices at (906) 228-5499, visit website: [www.michiganusa.pageants.com](http://www.michiganusa.pageants.com) or contact the Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-968-3302.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

**Grayling Youth Booster Club**  
Week ending January 4 - winners of \$25 each: Steve Brinks, Carol Brannan and JoAnne Thompson.  
**Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13**  
Week #11 winner of \$100: Steve Brinks of Grayling.

## Try out for stage production of 'Fiddler on the Roof'

Crosstrails Community Theatre Group of Kalkaska will hold auditions for its upcoming production of "Fiddler on the Roof," to be performed in May.

Auditions will be held Friday, January 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, January 24, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at Fitch's School of Dance, 224 East Walnut in Kalkaska.

Actors age 12 and older, are invited to audition. Younger actors may be considered and prior stage experience is not required; however casting will be based on ability to meet singing and dancing requirements.

Auditioners are asked to bring a vocal selection representing ability and vocal range, and be prepared to give a short biography, and read lines from the script.

Vocals for "Fiddler on the Roof" are for baritone/tenor and mezzo soprano/alto. Piano accompaniment is preferred, but CD/cassette player will be provided.

A short dance routine will be

taught at the audition; comfortable attire is preferred.

An informational packet containing cast descriptions and script excerpts will be provided at the audition, and may be obtained in advance for pre-registrants.

Crosstrails Community Theatre is also seeking Director Candidates interested in directing the upcoming production. The right director will work with a dedicated production team of experienced performers and artists, and members of the community, to produce Crosstrails' 4th musical production.

Director Candidates are asked to submit a letter of interest and resume by January 12, to Crosstrails Theatre Committee.

For an audition application, director inquiries, answers to questions, or to pre-register, contact Crosstrails Theatre Committee, c/o Sharyn Susinko, P.O. Box 1051, Kalkaska, MI 49646, or call Pathways Arts Council (PACK) at (231) 258-8697, or by fax at (231) 258-7987.

## Media violence topic of film, discussion series at library

A video series entitled "Media Violence in Our Culture," and follow-up discussion for parents, professionals and community members, will be hosted one afternoon each month, beginning January 7 at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library.

In partnership with River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services, the library located at 201 Plum Street in Grayling, invites those interested to stop in the first Wednesday each month at noon for viewing and discussion of each installment in the series. Bring a lunch and an open mind, suggests Library Director Edward Elsner. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

The series will be shown as follows: January 7 - "Wrestling with Manhood" (Please note information about the first session was received after deadline for publication in the January 1 edition of the Avalanche); February 4 - "Tough Guise Part I;" March 3 - "Killing Us Softly;" and April 7 - "Tough Guise Part II."

For more information on this program or any program offered by the library, call 348-9214. The Devereaux Library is located

next to the AuSable Primary School, just south of Mercy Hospital.

## MDOT seeks public input at session


The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will host a listening session, on Monday, January 12 in Traverse City, to continue public involvement in the development of the state's 2004-08 Five-Year Transportation Program.

The session will include a follow-up discussion of the Michigan Transportation Summit held in Lansing, December 3-4, as well as allow public input on the proposed five-year transportation program.

The session will be led by MDOT Chief Deputy Director Kirk Steudle and his staff. Community representatives and the general public are invited to attend.

This townhall-style meeting is designed to provide an opportunity to discuss transportation issues, local projects and the vision created at the recent first-of-its-kind Transportation Summit. It will also provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on MDOT's 2004-08 Five-Year Transportation Program.


The session will take place at the Traverse Area District Library, 610 Woodmere Avenue in Traverse City on January 12, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.


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## OBITUARIES

### Wilma Jean Lupan

Aug. 6, 1943 - Jan. 1, 2004

Wilma Jean Lupan, age 60, of Grayling, died Thursday January 1 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

Wilma was born on August 6, 1943 in Cookville, TN, to Ernest Dewey and Maggie Ann (Dickerson) Harris.

The former Wilma Jean Harris was married to Mr. James Michael Lupan on April 9, 1962.

Wilma lived in Grayling since 1990, previously living in Warren. She was a homemaker, and enjoyed flower gardening. Wilma enjoyed building her dream house with her husband.

Wilma is survived by husband James Lupan; daughter Deborah Lynn (Douglas) Logan of East China Township; son Michael Alan (Diana) Lupan of Roseville; grandson Mathew Alan Lupan; sister Betty Sue Garrison of Cookville, TN.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

No service will be held.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

## MILITARY NEWS

The following e-mail letter was written home by Jonathan T. Feldhauser, SrA 447 ECES, on December 24, 2003. The Crawford County Avalanche would like to share it with our readers.

"Hey all, what's up?

"It's Christmas Eve here and it's cold, coldest it's been. Really makes me wish I was with everyone at home with a nice cup of something, in a fire-heated room, tellin' stories and memories.

"We got all our work done here today and will be able to spend Christmas Day watching movies, sittin' around drinking... bottles of water! Not quite the same, but the company is decent.

"I hope everyone back home who gets this is having a good time. I hope you are all making the best of the times you are sharing with each other, especially the ones you don't see as often as you wish you could.

"I ask that you pray for all the men and women here who are keeping the watch over the flock that is all back home. We miss our friends and families, but are



Jonathan T. Feldhauser

all proud of what we are doing here and wouldn't have it any other way. We all know that someone has to be here and we are all proud of the fact that we were chosen to carry out such a great mission.

"Our Christmas present was the apprehension of Saddam Hussein. So, that is a major goal out of the way for this mission and we continue to work day in and day out to make sure that we

carry out the rest of our mission swiftly and efficiently.

"So, this Christmas, all I ask is to enjoy the time you share with each other, stay up late and tell stories and watch movies, give the ones you love hugs and kisses. For New Year's, do the same, but party your butts off, share a toast, and have a drink on behalf of me and my brothers and sister soldiers here who can't.

"I promise I'll knock back a cool bottle of water as I reflect on holidays past and as I look to the coming of a new year. May God bless you and keep you and the ones you love safe.

"Love, with all my heart, Jonathan."

Jonathan's wife, Stephanie, and young son, Corbin, are at Warner Robins Air Force Base in Georgia, awaiting his return in the early spring.

Jonathan's parents are Tom and Lillian Feldhauser of Peoria, AZ, and Mark and Linda Crane of Mary Ester, FL. He is the grandson of Helen Feldhauser and Bob and Marie Prause, all of Grayling.

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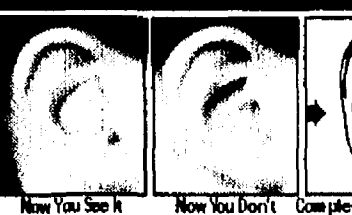
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There are so many more. You have all made our holidays a little brighter!

The Prossers - Max, Jackie, Caitlin, Cierra, Erin and Emma  
Thank you!

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 71 complaints the week of December 29, 2003 - January 4, 2004:

Eight traffic accidents, seven non-traffic accidents, one accident - all other, one motor vehicle VIN inspection, five civil matter disputes - family trouble, eight suspicious situations, one lost and found property, 13 general non-criminal, two structure fires, one insanity, one false alarm activation, one criminal sexual conduct (CSC) /sexual assault, one assault/intimidation/stalking, two burglary/home invasion, one burglary/forced entry - nonresidential, two larceny, one motor vehicle theft, one damage to property, five public peace/disorderly, two conservation, one miscellaneous arrest, six driving violations/DWLS, etc.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## 46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

### Sentencings for December 2003

#### Hon. Alton T. Davis

Kenneth Enos Minard Jr., age 36 of Grayling - Criminal Sexual Conduct 4th Degree - Force/Coercion; sentenced to 75 days in jail with credit for three days served; ordered to pay \$50 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 court costs, \$45 state minimum costs; placed on 18 months probation.

Kevin James Estep, age 35 of Grayling - Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st Degree with Child Under 13; sentenced to six to 20 years in prison with credit for 49 days served; HIV testing and sex offender registration completed; ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund.

Derek Eugene Vojinovic, age 20 of Grayling - Probation Violation on Original Charge of Substance - Deliver/Manufacture Marijuana; reinstated on probation with all the original terms and conditions.

Jeremy Michael Tuck, age 24 of Grayling - Probation Violation on Original Charge of Malicious Destruction of a Building \$1,000 to \$20,000; reinstated on probation with all the original terms and conditions.

Teri Lynn Vertin, age 27 of Mackinaw City - Controlled Substance Use Non-Narcotic;

driver license suspended 180 days, HIV testing and sex offender registration completed; ordered to pay \$7,700 restitution, \$45 state minimum costs, \$50 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 court costs, \$150 penal fine, and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 24 months.

#### Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Christine Marie Clark, age 28 of Roscommon - Controlled Substance Possession Non-Narcotic; driver license suspended 180 days, sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for two days served and 58 days held in abeyance; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 court costs, and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 18 months.

Dennis James Cavanaugh, age 45 of Wayne - Controlled Substance 2nd Offense - Double Penalty; driver license suspended 60 days, restricted 305 days; sentenced to 129 days in jail with credit for 129 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 court costs, \$100 penal fine, and \$350 attorney fee; placed on 18 months probation.



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## Federal marketing improvement grants available

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Dan Wyant announced recently that federal matching funds should again be available for the state's food and agriculture industry to enhance its marketing of agricultural products.

Wyant explained the funds are anticipated to be available as soon as Congress adopts the budget for the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Marketing Service.

Last year, \$1.3 million was allocated for distribution nationwide. MDA administers FSMIP in Michigan.

"Developing and expanding markets is one key to improving the profitability of Michigan's family farms and ensuring the long-term viability of the state's agriculture industry," Wyant said. "We encouraged Michigan food and agricultural organizations to take advantage of this opportunity to enhance their marketing activities and impact."

In order to be considered and successful, FSMIP applications must focus on market research and feasibility study needs, not on promotion or advertising and are not proprietary.

This year, USDA is particularly interested in proposals that reflect a collaborative approach between states, academia and the farm sec-

tor. Proposals should also reflect a regional or national significance and address challenges and opportunities in these areas:

- **Market Analysis** - collecting and analyzing unique and relevant economic data and transportation and marketing statistics relating to targeted domestic and international markets.

- **Transportation and Distribution** - finding ways to improve efficiency and reduce barriers in local, regional, national and international transportation and distribution systems to promote free movement of U.S. food and agricultural products.

- **Competitiveness and New Markets** - identifying new opportunities for traditional and non-traditional products and by-products of agricultural production and processing in domestic and international markets. Assessing

consumer preferences and consumer response to marketing and labeling claims.

- **Quality and Variety** - enhancing the value of food and agricultural products through improvements in product quality and traceability. Using technology to address marketing challenges and opportunities such as developing new products and innovative packaging, or improving handling and storage methods.

For a copy of the FSMIP application and detailed guidelines, visit [www.ams.usda.gov/tmd/fsmip.htm](http://www.ams.usda.gov/tmd/fsmip.htm), or call MDA at (517) 241-2178.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2004, to the attention of Robert Craig at MDA, Agriculture Development Division, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909 or via fax at (517) 335-0628.



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## Consumers begins 2004 PeopleCare campaign

Many Michigan families struggling to make ends meet could experience an unexpected problem: a layoff, cut in pay or hours, or a trip to the emergency room with a sick child. Often, they just need a little bit of help to get by. It could be getting a prescription filled, a bag of groceries, or a tank of gas to get to and from work until the next paycheck.

Consumers Energy and The Salvation Army created the PeopleCare program to provide that help to individuals and families. PeopleCare helped more than 15,000 families across the state last year, providing food,

shelter, clothing, and other emergency aid. As it has in the past, Consumers Energy is providing \$1.5 million in energy bill credits for 2004. The Salvation Army determines eligibility for energy bill credits and other help and distributes the aid.

Consumers Energy customers can help make PeopleCare work for families in need by checking a box at the top of their January energy bills. Consumers Energy customers and employees contributed nearly \$680,000 to PeopleCare in 2003.

Customers may donate \$2 each month or make a one-time donation of \$5 by checking one

of the boxes at the top of their January bill. If they'd like to contribute more each month, they can call 1-800-477-5050 and arrange to have the amount added to their bill. Larger contributions may be sent to: PeopleCare, P.O. Box 24121, Lansing, MI 48909-4121.

The Salvation Army is one of the oldest nonprofit organizations providing social service assistance in the United States. Its expertise in screening applicants and processing aid was among the reasons that led Consumers Energy to team up with it for PeopleCare.

## Notary statutes update signed into law

Michigan's Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land last week applauded a new law that updates and streamlines the state's notary public process.

House Bill 4938, signed into law as Public Act 238 of 2003, marks the first comprehensive revision of the notary statutes since they were enacted in 1846.

Making the notary process more contemporary was among

Land's first-year goals. She worked with lawmakers and county clerks to move legislation forward. HB 4938 is sponsored by state Rep. Shelley Taub (R-Bloomfield Hills).

"We must make sure that government evolves to meet today's needs," Land said. "Updating our notary laws complements my ongoing efforts to deliver better service."

"Bringing greater clarity and efficiency to this process benefits customers at all levels. This is a major accomplishment, and I commend Representative Taub for her leadership."

"Notaries public serve a vital role in our democracy," Taub said. "They are entrusted with significant responsibilities, and citizens depend on them for a variety of services."

The process for appointing and regulating them must be as concise and effective as possible. I'm proud to have ushered this initiative through the Legislature, and I appreciate Secretary Land's vision and guidance."

A notary public is someone who is legally authorized to wit-

ness signatures and administer oaths.

The new law:

- Creates the Michigan Notary Public Act.

- Extends the length of new appointments by an additional two years, resulting in less data-entry work for the state.

- Streamlines the application and appointment process. For example, commissions will now be mailed to applicants upon appointment, rather than going through a two-step process of identification and filing at the county clerk level.

- Establishes monthly reporting between county clerks and the Secretary of State.

- Allows for use of electronic signatures already on file with the Department of State for future online processing.

- Clarifies rules, responsibilities and restrictions.

- Establishes a statewide appointment, which eliminates the need to reapply when moving within the state.

- Creates new notary crimes, including sanctions for the notary's employer.

## 83RD DISTRICT COURT

### Sentencings for December 2003

**Hon. John G. Hunter**

Kenneth Dennis Habel, age 36 of Harrison Township - Operate ORV Contrary to Regulations on Public Land and Attempt/Drove Suspended - 2nd Offense; \$568 fines/costs or 56 days in jail.

Sheila Jean Lozon, age 55 of Gaylord - False Report of a Misdemeanor; \$354 fines/costs or 29 days in jail.

James Gregory Cassell, age 21 of Grayling - Impaired Driving; \$785 fines/costs or 78 days in jail.

Sheila Jean Lozon, age 55 of Gaylord - Nonsufficient Funds Check Over \$100 - Less than \$500; \$590 fines/costs or 93 days in jail, \$570.74 restitution.

**Hon. Francis L. Walsh**

Marie Ledesma Ballor, age 46 of Grayling - OUIL/per se and License Suspended/Revoked - Allowed a Suspended Person to

Operate; \$1,640 fines/costs or 93 days in jail, five days in jail and placed on 183 days probation.


William Raymond Trombly, Jr., age 42 of Cadillac - Impaired Driving; \$435 fines/costs or 43 days in jail, and placed on 91 days probation.

**Attorney Magistrate Julie Delaney**

Daniel Willis Grant, age 38 of Canton - License Suspended/Revoked - Allowed a Suspended Person to Operate; \$295 fines/costs or 29 days in jail.

John Masella Jr., age 43 of Grayling - License Suspended/Revoked - Allowed a Suspended Person to Operate; \$245 fines/costs or 24 days in jail.

James Edward Harland II, age 20 of Grayling - License Suspended/Revoked - Allowed a Suspended Person to Operate; \$195 fines/costs or 10 days in jail.



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## Beloved comic Red Skelton subject of tribute

A veteran magician is attempting the biggest trick of his life at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts (KCPA) on Saturday, January 24 at 8 p.m. There, Tom Mullica is transforming himself into Red Skelton, the legendary comic who passed away in 1997 at the age of 84.

It is no easy trick to evoke the wit, wisdom, and teary wistfulness of the gentle clown-comedian, a Las Vegas showroom headliner from 1958 through 1987, but Mullica's engaging work in creating a complete portrait of Red Skelton is worthy of Broadway, said Gary Carton, Director of KCPA. Mullica takes the audience on a historical look at Skelton's life and reintroduces you to all of his characters, like "Gertrude and Heathcliff," "Freddie the Free Loader," "Clem Kaddiddlehopper," and "The Mean Widdle Boy."

The last time Mullica performed as Skelton at Kirtland, the show was sold out. Carton



The many faces of Tom Mullica as the late Red Skelton.

said don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see this characterization of Skelton live on stage. Mullica was a long-

time friend of Red, and is performing with the permission of the Red Skelton Family.

For ticket reservations, call the

Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777, or order tickets online at [www.kirtland.edu/kepa](http://www.kirtland.edu/kepa).

## Ski by lantern light at Hartwick Pines... and more!

► State park offers variety of winter activities for snow lovers

Mark your calendars now for two special nights of cross-country skiing at Hartwick Pines State Park, six miles northeast of Grayling.

From 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the evenings of Saturday, January 24 and Saturday, February 7, skiers will have an opportunity to ski a portion of the park's groomed trails lit by kerosene lanterns.

Enjoy the scenic beauty of Hartwick Pines State Park while you gently glide through some of the great forests of the park. Although the ski loop does not go through the famed old growth

forest of the park, skiers will be able to enjoy some of the hardwoods and second-growth pine forests in the park.

The lantern-lit ski loop begins and ends at the parking lot of the Michigan Forest Visitor Center. After skiing the approximately 1.5 mile loop, skiers can come and warm up in the Visitors Center, where a warming room with free hot beverages and snacks will be open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

There is no charge for the two nights of cross-country skiing by lantern light, however a state park motor vehicle permit is required for park entry. Permits for 2004 are \$6 for a daily resident and \$24 for an annual resident permit. Permits will be available at the park during ski nights.

Besides the cross-country skiing by lantern light, Hartwick Pines State Park offers groomed ski loops of three, five and 7.5 miles in length. The warming room in the Visitor Center will also be open during normal building hours, daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Saturday, January 17, a snowshoe building workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a guided snowshoe hike will take place on Saturday, January 31 at 1 p.m. from the Visitor Center.

There is a fee for the snowshoe building workshop and advance reservations are required. There is no charge for the guided snowshoe hike, however advance registration will be required as there is a limited number of spots available.

For more information on any of the programs offered at Hartwick Pines State Park, call (989) 348-2537.

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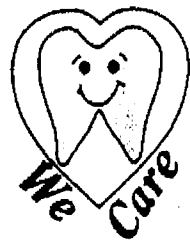
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## Youth Theatre provides holiday shows for 2,500 students



Photo courtesy of Kirtland Youth Theatre

Kirtland Community College's Youth Theatre entertained about 2,500 pupils from more than a dozen area schools with the stage production of "A Little Princess Christmas." Pictured, students from the late-morning group wend their way up from the buses in the parking lot to the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts. The Kirtland Youth Theatre, in its 10th season, features a lineup of five productions this academic year. Already, Footworks, the percussive dance ensemble, and Hamlet, have played to enthralled young audiences. Upcoming: Super Scientific Circus, on March 5, and the Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co., on April 23. For more information about Kirtland's Youth Theatre, phone (989) 275-5000 ext. 397.

## HONORS

Joshua Wells, a 1994 graduate of Grayling High School, was selected by Hitachi America, Ltd. as its teacher representative in Japan this summer.

Since 1987, Hitachi has selected, annually, four teachers from the United States to participate in the Hitachi International

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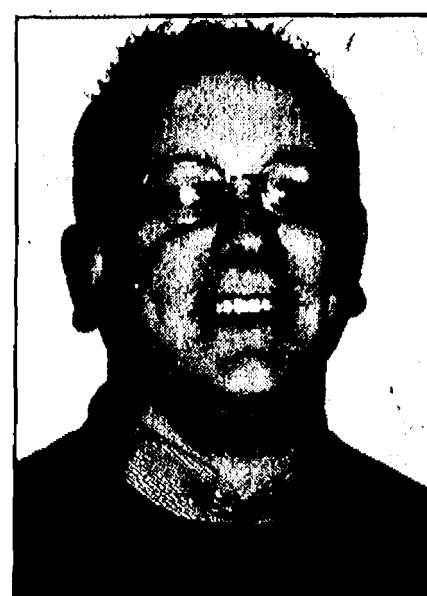
Wells will travel with three

other teachers from around the U.S. and teacher representatives from Europe on a two-week tour of Japan and will teach at schools in Tokyo and Kyoto.

The trip will conclude with an international press conference in Tokyo on educational issues concerning teachers and students in Japan and the United States.

Wells is married to the former Trisha Ormsbee and teaches social studies at Power Middle School in Farmington.

Joshua is the son of Wayne and Nancy Wells of Grayling.



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## GHS grad's design chosen for holiday card



Justin Davis, of Grayling, was selected winner of Mid-Michigan Community College's (MMCC) 2003 holiday card design contest. His design in inks earned Justin a \$100 top prize. He is currently attending MMCC and will go on to Kendall Art Institute in September to major in illustration. The 22-year old is a 1999 graduate of Grayling High School, and the son of Wayne and Nancy Davis and Jill and Brian Anderson.

## Dennos Museum 'Family Day' includes out-of-this-world fun

TRAVERSE CITY - The Dennos Museum Center's "Family Day" on January 10, will be filled with fun for everyone, said museum officials, with all the day's activities relating to the theme of current exhibitions. "Heavens Above" features 30 scale images from the Hubble Space Telescope showing galaxies, nebulae, exploding stars and other astronomical phenomena. Another exhibition, "The Thing Itself: Daguerreotype to Digital" is a comprehensive survey of photographic art from vintage images to digital.

The day begins in Milliken Auditorium at 11 a.m. with the Traverse Symphony Orchestra (TSO) Saturday Symphony concert "Brass 'n Space," featuring its Brass Quintet and Jerry Dobek, a local astronomer who will host the concert. Following the concert, everyone is invited to the Museum galleries for other activities until 3 p.m.,

including:

- Hands-on art activities;
- Dress-up in costumes and become a part of a digital photograph;
- Interactive space projects with astronomer, Jerry Dobek;
- Films and more.

Tickets for the TSO concert are \$5 for children and \$7 for adults, and include admission price to the Dennos Museum Center galleries.

Admission to the Dennos Museum Center Family Day activities only is \$2 for children and \$4 for adults, and free to Museum members.

For more information, call (231) 995-1055, or visit [www.dennosmuseum.org](http://www.dennosmuseum.org).

The Dennos Museum Center is located on the campus of Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. Regular museum hours are Monday-Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## Audition dates set for 'Harvey'

The Theatre Arts Department at Kirtland Community College will hold auditions for "Harvey" on Monday and Tuesday, January 26-27, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., in the Performing Arts Center on campus.

"Harvey," a comedy by Mary Chase, will be produced by special arrangement with Dramatist Play Service, Inc. Performance dates will be Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 4 at 2 p.m.

The play has roles for six men and six women. Director Beth Petrik requests that those interested in auditioning come prepared to read selected scenes from the play. Auditions are open to any area resident.

In addition to cast members, people are needed to work behind the scenes as Stage Manager, costumer, make-up, props and technical assistants.

Anyone interested is invited to come out and visit at the auditions. For more information, call (989) 275-5000, ext. 375.

## MILITARY NEWS



1st Lt. Andrew Ignash

United States Air Force 1st Lt. Andrew Ignash was selected "Company Grade Officer of the Quarter" for the fourth quarter of 2003. He is currently stationed at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany, accompanied by his wife, Caroline.

Lt. Ignash is a 2001 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and a 1996 graduate of Grayling High School.

He is the son of Robert and Bonnie Ignash of Beaver Creek Township.

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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## Wrestling team places 2nd at Harrison

### Vikings edged by less than a point for tournament championship

Grayling High School's wrestlers competed in a 10-team JV and varsity tournament at Harrison on Saturday, December 27. The varsity squad finished second, just one-half of a point behind Harrison, the tournament winner.

Grayling posted a team score of 180.5 and Harrison scored 181.

In the varsity competition, Grayling's Darryl Babbitt (160) won his weight class and was named MVP of the tournament. Babbitt defeated a 4th place State Finals finisher from Kalkaska and a two-time state qualifier from Alpena on his way to a first place finish.

Dusty Partello (171) and Brandon Pratt (189) also placed first in their weight divisions. During their tournament championship runs, Partello posted four first round pins and Pratt had three first round pins.

Grayling also had three second

place finishers, three third place finishers, and one fifth place finisher: 2nd - Joel Wilson (152), Aaron Rosecrans (215), Corey Metzger (130); 3rd - Adam Malone (140), Doug Webb (145), Don Starks (heavyweight); 5th - Cody Verlinde (112).

Grayling posted a 53-23 record in the tournament in varsity competition.

"Because of sickness and injury we were missing some of our key wrestlers. When we get our varsity line-up back where it should be, we're going to be a tough team for the rest of the season," Coach Don Ferguson said.

In JV competition at Harrison, Grayling had three champions, one second place finisher, one third place, and one fourth: 1st - James Walker (140), Troy Wilson (145), Mike Gassman (160); 2nd - Jesse CdeBaca (160); 3rd - Brian Borchers (152); 4th - Cory Shear (130).

"A great team performance. These wrestlers are working hard for a varsity position," Coach Ferguson said.

Last Tuesday, the Vikings finished 4th out of 20 teams at a tournament at Freeland.



Photo courtesy of Bill Rosecrans

### Darryl Babbitt (160) wrestles an opponent from Chesaning in the Freeland tournament last Tuesday.

Seven Vikings placed at Freeland: Babbitt (160) won his weight class and improved his season record to 22-1; Pratt (189), 14-4, placed 2nd; Rosecrans (215), 17-6, also finished 2nd in his division; Wilson (152), 18-3, took 3rd; Dusty Partello (171), 11-3, placed 4th; Starks (heavyweight), 11-8, finished 5th; and Malone (140), 13-9, took 6th.

"These seven are Grayling's top wrestlers and they hold the key to this year's team success," Coach Ferguson said.

(The team recently lost one of its key wrestlers: Josh Partello (112), who is out for the season

with a broken ankle.)

"The team now needs some big wins from the lower weights," Coach Ferguson said.

The Vikings also got team points from Krystal Babbitt (103), Verlinde (112), Jeff Bancroft (130), and Webb (145) at Freeland.

"I am very proud of the team," Coach Ferguson said. "They have had two tough tournaments during the Christmas vacation and they stepped up to the challenge. They have done a great job."

The Vikings will wrestle against Roscommon and Gaylord at Roscommon on Thursday, January 8, at 6 p.m.

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in 2003 *Crawford County Avalanche* editions.

Article summaries are listed according to the newspaper edition date in which the story appeared, not when the event happened.

The 2003 Year In Review will be published in two parts. This week's *Crawford County Avalanche* includes the months of July through December. The months of January through June were featured in last week's *Avalanche*.

### JULY

**3rd**

- The board of directors for the Crawford County Fair Association has resigned. The Fair Association may now call a meeting to elect new officers to temporarily take care of business until the next annual meeting. Without a new board the organization risks losing its status with the Department of Agriculture to hold a county fair and may be forced to turn over its books and assets.

- The fifth annual Relay for Life drew the largest crowd of teams and cancer survivors in spite of the inclement weather.

- Acting on a tip received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, personnel from the Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group (STING) obtained a search warrant for a residence on West Beaver Creek Road where they confiscated 71 marijuana plants, growing and marketing equipment and 15 firearms. No arrests have been made at this time.

- The Crawford County Sheriff's Office has replaced the patrol car totalled in a white-out snowstorm on I-75 last winter with a model equipped with a video camera and radar known to detect vehicles about one mile ahead, twice the range of the older radar. The money for the new car came from the insurance

pay-off of the old car, money already budgeted for its 2003 lease payments and a \$5,000 equipment grant received from the successful seat belt enforcement campaign last December.

- A contractor for the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association (LMPOA) treated over a dozen areas of Lake Margrethe with herbicide last week as part of the association's effort to control the spread of Eurasian Watermilfoil (milfoil), an invasive plant species that has the potential to grow into thick, heavy mats that can hinder fishing, boating, and swimming.

**10th**

- The Grayling City Council did not take any formal action with regard to its city manager at its regular Monday meeting, other than deciding by consensus to continue with its in-progress evaluation of his job performance.

- The State Board of Medicine has ordered disciplinary action against Dr. Charles L.H. Gosling following nearly three years of investigation and negotiation. He was placed on probation for two years beginning June 18, 2003 and fined \$1,000 among other sanctions.

- Grayling fire fighters Travis Roberts and Joe Ferrigan completed state training and passed the test qualifying them to serve

as fire marshals.

- A one-third acre children's fishing pond, complete with two fishing platforms has been built at the Grayling Fish Hatchery. The pond has been stocked with bass, bluegill and perch to provide a quality fishing experience for children 12 years of age and younger.

**17th**

- The Department of Environmental Quality rejected Savoy Energy's application to drill for oil and natural gas along the AuSable River. It sent the application back with requests for more information. Savoy is expected to resubmit the application.

- State Senator Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) Chairman of the Senate Technology and Energy Committee, met with citizens at the Grayling Township Hall to listen to the concerns of area citizens about the proposed exploratory gas well to be drilled near the Mason Tract. The meeting was attended by State Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland) and State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) and representatives from the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the Sierra Club. After listening to the concerns, Patterson said he would hold a hearing in Lansing the following week to see what could be done to pre-



**Lake Margrethe herbicide treatment (July 3rd edition)**

vent this situation from arising in the future.

- Concerns about the safety of the gym floor at Grayling High School have prompted the Crawford AuSable School Board to explore their options. Choices range from replacing the floor to seeking a millage to add another gym with exercise/recreation space for the community in addition to replacing the floor. The school board decided to survey the community to find out their feelings on the possibility of adding to the facilities.

**24th**

- Andy Tricbold of Homer, Michigan and Steve Lajoie of Mirabel, Quebec won the Spike's Challenge C-2 canoe race with a time of 2:40:20.

- The 2003 Spike's Challenge C-1 canoe race, which runs from Borchers AuSable Canoeing to Burton's Landing, was won by Jeff Kolka this year.

- Approximately 675 Michigander bicyclists rode into Grayling July 21 and stayed the night at Grayling High School (in tents at the school's fields) and local motels. The 12th annual Michigander Bike Tour ran from Clare to Petoskey over the course of seven days.

**31st**

- Jeff Kolka of Grayling and Serge Corbin of Quebec – seven-time defending AuSable River Canoe Marathon champions – held off a stiff challenge to take an unprecedented eighth

consecutive victory at the 56th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon July 27.

- Over 400 children participated in the second-annual Kids Day at Grayling City Park. The crowd exceeded expectations and the prizes ran out early but the children appeared to have fun even without the prizes.

- There has been a change in the administration at both Grayling High School (GHS) and Grayling Middle School (GMS). The new principal at GHS is Doniel Pummell who was principal at GMS last year. The assistant principal is Melissa Stone. At GMS, the new principal is Jeff Branch, former GMS assistant principal, and the new assistant principal is Doug Pummell.

### AUGUST

**7th**

- With corporations and municipalities nationwide reducing employee benefits and cutting budgets, the court ruled in favor of a retirement benefits package and higher funding for the judges and employees of the 46th Circuit Trial Court. Judge Dennis C. Kolenda ruled the resolutions passed by all three counties regarding the retirement benefits constitutes a legal contract or agreement to those benefits and no other contract was needed to make the agreement final.

- Burton Canfield Jr. of Beaver Creek Township turned himself in to authorities last week. His home was found to contain a large marijuana growing operation in June.

- Four downstate men were arrested early Tuesday morning after a brief chase by Grayling City patrolman Al Somero. He was dispatched around 2 a.m. on August 5 to the south side of the city after a report of a suspicious car and possible break-in near the Cobble Creek Apartments. The suspects were found to be in possession of about \$1,000 worth of suspected cocaine.

- A circuit court hearing to determine restitution possibly owed the local school district by

former teacher, Kathryn Olson, was adjourned August 1. Olson's attorney offered more information for review before a judgment is made, pushing the possible end of the case to late October.

- Over 150 riders on the third annual Black Bear Bicycle Tour finished the 100 mile course from Grayling to Oscoda. They left Grayling early Sunday morning, and for the first time they beat the first canoe marathon teams to the finish line. The top four cyclists finished the race in less than 3 hours and 48 minutes.

- Over 120 runners competed in Grayling Recreation Authority's July 26 foot races – the GRA 10K and GRA 5K. Winners of the 10K were Patrick Dantzor and Connie Cannon. Winners of the 5K race were Shawn Gabriel and Kelly Byrne.

**14th**

- An observant customer at the Heirloom Antique Mall raised eyebrows and questions regarding the hand grenade on display, recently acquired in a box of World War II memorabilia. Grayling Detective Dennis Long, who arrived shortly after the call to check out the grenade, said the pin to activate the grenade had been

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- The report summarizing the 12 Natural Rivers hearings regarding the possible designation for the Pine and Upper Manistee Rivers was released. In response to the meetings several changes were made to the plans. The report was being forwarded to Department of Natural Resources Director K.L. Cool with the recommendation that both rivers become part of the natural rivers program.

- The four downstate men who were apprehended August 5 following a police chase were arraigned on drug charges. All four men were assigned court-appointed attorneys. Preliminary examinations for the men are scheduled for August 19.

- State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) released his plan to toughen Michigan's standards for oil and natural gas



**GRA 10K and 5K Race (August 7th edition)**

drilling at nine watershed in the northern Lower Peninsula, including the area near the Mason Tract in southeastern Crawford County.

- Zack Burns, an 18-year old resident of Frederic Township, will be starting a karate class for students age 5 and up. He is the youngest certified karate instructor in the U.S. and a third degree black belt. Burns won a world championship in karate in 2002 and is a 3-time national champion in Tae Kwon Do.

**21st**

- A World War II memorial was dedicated August 14 at Camp Grayling. The memorial, dedicated to the engineers who helped repel the Germans during the Battle of the Bulge, commemorates the determination, heroism and esprit de corps displayed by the engi-

neers.

- Nearly 150 people attended the meeting held by the Department of Environmental Quality to air their concerns regarding the proposed gas well near the Mason Tract. The meeting, originally scheduled for two hours, stretched to nearly three and one-half hours. Comments were all negative regarding the well, ranging from move it to don't drill it at all.

**28th**

- After many months of review, consultation with neighboring counties and meetings with the local animal shelter board, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners has agreed to remove cats and ferrets from the animal ordinance. County Controller Paul Compo said it was a step backwards but

it is too costly to trap and pick up cats.

- After receiving numerous complaints about excessive noise and late hours of a local bar's temporary beer tent, Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said such an event will be considered more closely in the future. He said owners of the Ole Barn had gone through the proper procedures and held a legal temporary special event permit for the beer tent. He said he has addressed the issue and it shouldn't happen again.

- The GHS varsity boys golf team won their second and third tournaments defeating 21 other area teams at Spruce Run (Grand Traverse Resort) in the Gladiator Invitational on Thursday and winning the eight-team League Jamboree on Monday at Ag-A-Ming Country Club.



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# 2003 - Year In Review

SEPTEMBER

4th

• The Grayling Township Recycling Center, on North Down River Road just west of I-75, has been successful in recycling tons of items over the years. It is now open to Grayling city residents, who are encouraged to take advantage of the service free of charge.

• To better accommodate their schedules - as well as for the convenience of the public - the Crawford County Board of Commissioners have moved some of their meetings to the evening. Committee meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. With the exception of the budget meeting, all full board meetings will continue to be held at 9:30 a.m.

• Grayling High School's varsity football team opened its 2003 season with a 26-0 shut-out victory over the visiting Bucks of Roscommon.

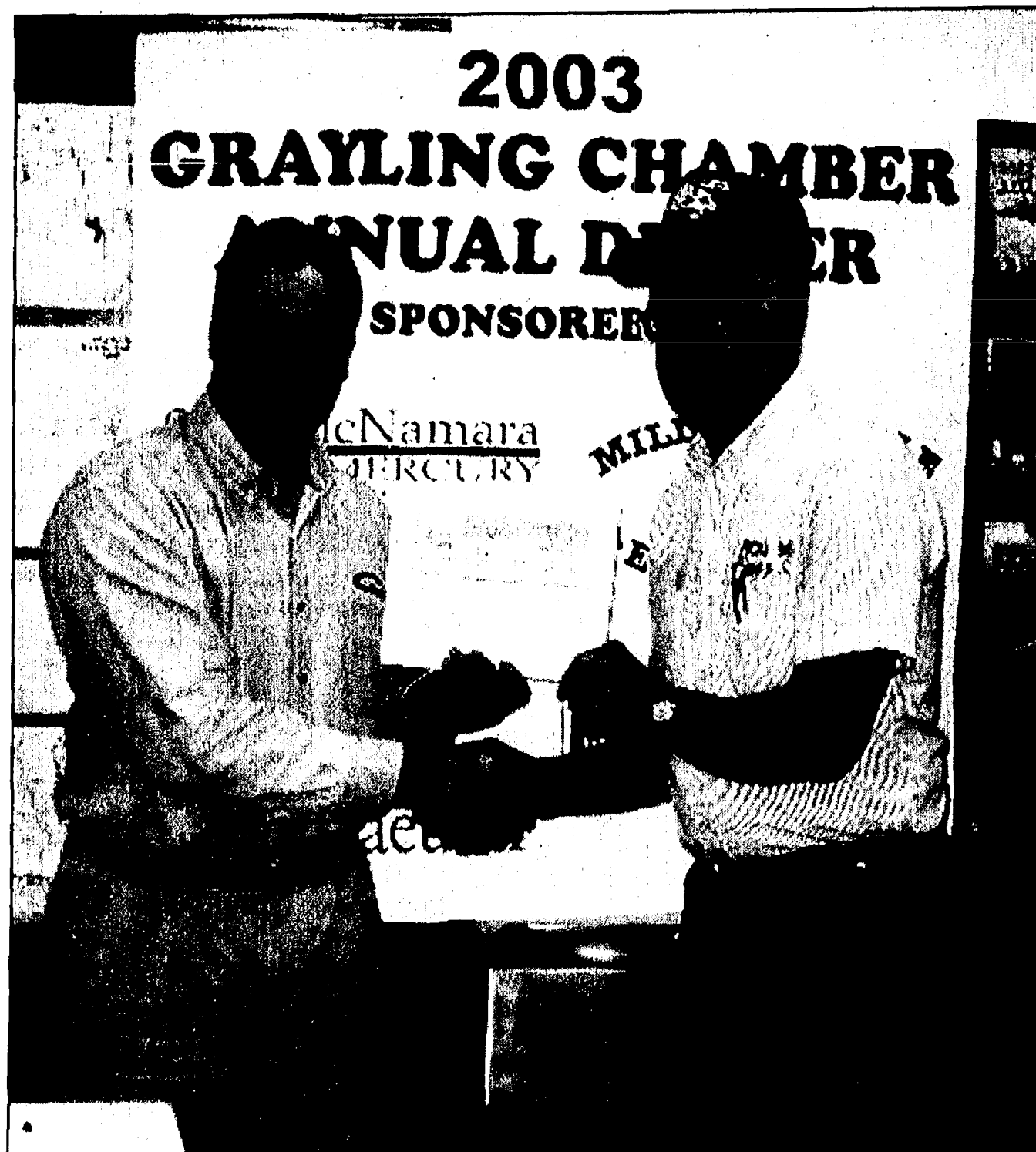
11th

• In recent months, the Crawford County Animal Control Officer has denied kennel licenses for four owners who have received operating licenses in the past. Through discussion it was discovered that local zoning ordinances had not been fully enforced which allowed owners to receive a license while not in compliance with the rules. Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss said the county is not in the zoning business and the discussion should be held at the township or city level, whichever is applicable. The County Board of Commissioners has agreed to send a letter to the Planning Commission asking it to review the entire county ordinance in regard to all animals.

• A ground-breaking ceremony was held at Camp Grayling for a new, larger Post Exchange (PX) facility. The new PX will consolidate materials held in a nearby Quonset hut and portable trailer. This will allow for more parking near the new PX.

18th

• On September 12, Michigan Department of Natural Resources Director K. L. Cool



\$20,000 Raffle winner (September 25th edition)

approved a proposal to add the Pine and Upper Manistee rivers to the state's list of Natural Rivers.

• Eight candidates are running for four city council seats in the upcoming November 4 election. The four open seats include three regular four-year terms and one partial two-year term. Candidates for the regular terms are Lawrence L. Akers, Joe Ferrigan, Deborah A. Hadley, Kim McClain, Craig L. Stewart, and Tom Wellman (incumbent). Candidates for the two-year term are Michele J. Butzin and Dennis Palmer (incumbent).

• The 22 members of the 745th Ordnance Company out of Grayling have received confirmation their tour of duty has been extended. The 745th was activated December 1, 2002 and is serving as a back-fill unit at Fort Hood, Texas, for an active duty unit that was sent to Iraq. This extension means the Grayling unit may not return

home until Thanksgiving 2004.

• Grayling High School's varsity football team posted its third victory and second shut-out of the 2003 season with a 42-0 conference win over the Harbor Springs Rams.

• Grayling High School athletics programs faced a few changes this fall. First, Grayling is in a new athletic league with Harbor Springs, Traverse City, St. Francis, Kalkaska, Boyne City, Charlevoix, Elk Rapids and East Jordan. Second, because of funding cuts, some programs will be suspended for one season. Cross country was the only casualty this fall but the school is looking at dropping one spring sport for girls. Currently there are four spring sports offered for girls with three sports being offered for boys.

25th

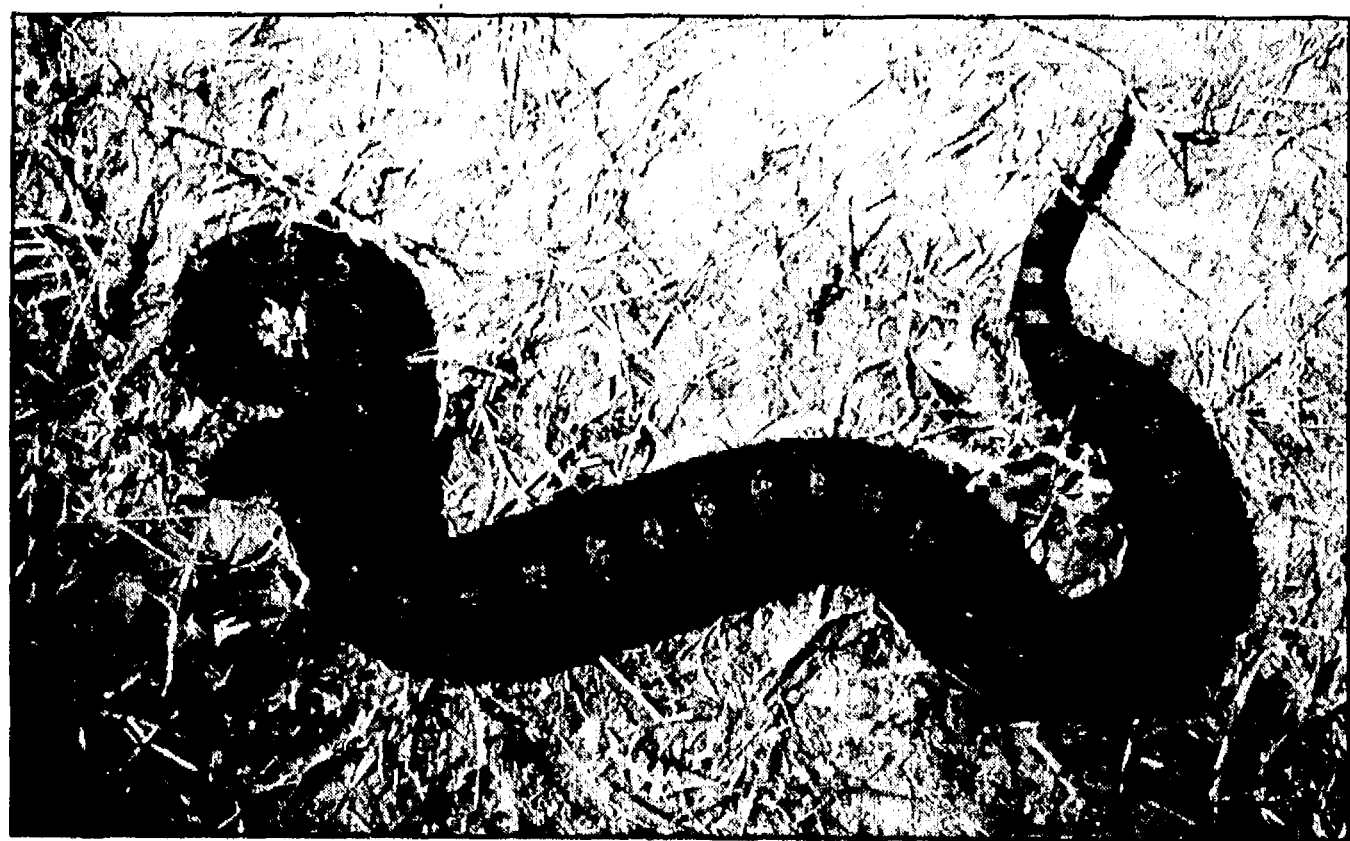
• The announcement of a Natural Rivers designation for the Pine and Upper Manistee

Rivers on September 12 was quickly followed by the state House of Representatives passing a bill sponsored by Rep. Ken Bradstreet (R-Gaylord) which would rescind the designation four years from now. The bill would force the DNR to rescind the designation if a majority of governmental units along the river pass a resolution opposing the designation.

• The nuclear reactor vessel from the decommissioned Big Rock Point nuclear power plant will wend its way through Crawford County this fall on Lake State Railroad.

• The Massasauga rattlesnake is the target of a three-year study being conducted at Camp Grayling. The study, in its second year, is designed to help prevent this shy snake from becoming an endangered species.

• Fick and Sons Inc. won the \$20,000 Chamber Challenge at the raffle held September 20.



Massasauga study (September 25th edition)

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# 2003 - Year In Review

## OCTOBER

### 2nd

• Cloudy runoff water enters the AuSable River just west of town after every rain. The newly repaved section of M-72 has catch basins designed to prevent sediment, runoff and pollution from entering the river, however it appears that fine silt is entering the river. The MDOT is studying the situation.

• Eighteen two-person teams competed in Grayling's first annual River Rat Adventure Race - an event which includes mountain biking, hiking, and canoeing - on September 20. Tim Sheldon and Tom Trudgeon, both of Grayling, placed first with a time of 6 hours 50 minutes.

### 9th

• Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conservation officers are seeking an unspecified number of arrest warrants stemming from the disappearance and apparent shooting deaths of two trumpeter swans on the AuSable River last Sunday morning.

• The reading garden at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library was dedicated to Ed Parks, who was instrumental in the construction of the new library.

• With a 28-0 league record, the Grayling High School varsity boys golf team has won the Lake Michigan Conference championship in its first year in the league. Derek Johnston was named league MVP, Ryan Davis was named to the all-league 1st team, and Josh Hinkle, Ron Johnston and Jack Hagerman to the all-league 2nd team.

### 16th

• One of two swans who had disappeared from a family of six trumpeters wandered onto the banks of the AuSable River in Grayling City Park dragging its right wing on the ground. Examination revealed that the adult female swan had been shot. The bird was transported to the Michigan State University School of Veterinary Science for treatment. It is unknown at this time whether the wing will be able to be saved.

• Maurice Leroy Alma, Jr., of Frederic, was found guilty of a misdemeanor charge of malicious destruction of property. He was arrested after an incident in which his neighbor, Glen Kimble, was grading Harmer Lane in Frederic with a front end loader. When Kimble refused to stop Alma shot in the direction of the front end loader with a 12-gauge shotgun loaded with birdshot. Although Kimble's jacket was struck with birdshot no injuries occurred. This incident was part of an on-going dispute regarding the alley.

• The DEQ rejected Savoy Energy's application to drill an exploratory gas well near the Mason Tract. The application was rejected because of several inconsistencies in the application and deficiencies with respect to

an earlier request by the DEQ.

• Grayling High School's boys golf team earned a spot at the upcoming State Golf Finals with a first place finish at last Thursday's 15-team regional tournament. Grayling won the tournament with a 20-stroke lead. Derek Johnston finished first with a score of 73 and Ryan Davis finished with a score of 75. They were the only two golfers, of the 75 participants, who finished in the 70's.

### 23rd

• Nineteen year-old Mathew Patrick Harwood, of Grayling, was arraigned before Judge John G. Hunter in 83rd District Court on October 21 in connection with the shooting of two trumpeter swans who made their home on the AuSable River.

• Former Grayling Middle School (GMS) teacher Kathryn Anne Olson was ordered to pay \$2,830 in restitution to the school for her bomb threat. Olson called in a bomb threat to GMS because she wanted a day off of work. The restitution to the district covers attorney fees, hourly wages for employees who could not work because the school was closed the day of the call, and the cost of tracing the phone call. It must be paid in full within seven days. Olson has completed her sentence of four months in the county jail and two months of probation while wearing an electronic tether monitoring device.

• The nuclear reactor vessel from the decommissioned Big Rock Point nuclear power plant made its way through Grayling the afternoon of October 14 on Lake State Railway. The vessel will be buried in South Carolina.

• Bambi Mansfield was recently hired as the new Youth Services Librarian at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County library. In addition to her work with youngsters she will expand services to include in-home daycare centers, home school programs as well as reaching out to the elderly care facilities with reading programs and activities.

• The Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) named Linda Golnick, general manager of the Crawford County Avalanche, as their member of the year. The award is given to a member who has done a special job for the organization and the Grayling community.

• With a 12-0 victory over the Red Devils of East Jordan, the GHS varsity football team qualified for a play-off berth - its first since 1992.

• Grayling High School placed 4th out of 24 teams at the two-day Division III State Golf Finals held at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East course. Grayling's lead golfer, Derek Johnston, placed 5th individually with a 150 (77 and 73).

• Don Ferguson, Grayling High School's wrestling coach, was recently inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame.



Golf team, Regional champions (October 16th edition)

Ferguson was one of 15 inductees at the September 21 ceremony at Central Michigan University.

### 30th

• State budget cuts have left their mark on many agencies throughout the state. Correctional officers are especially unhappy with the proposed cuts to their wages and voiced their opinion October 23 with an informational protest in front of correctional facilities throughout the state, including Camp Lehman in Crawford County.

• Superintendent Milli Haug told the board it appears that funding will be cut by nearly \$200 per pupil starting in December. She said because the district has budgeted so conservatively the cut would not have any effect on programs this year, but she said the board would be facing some hard choices if the situation does not improve by the next school year.

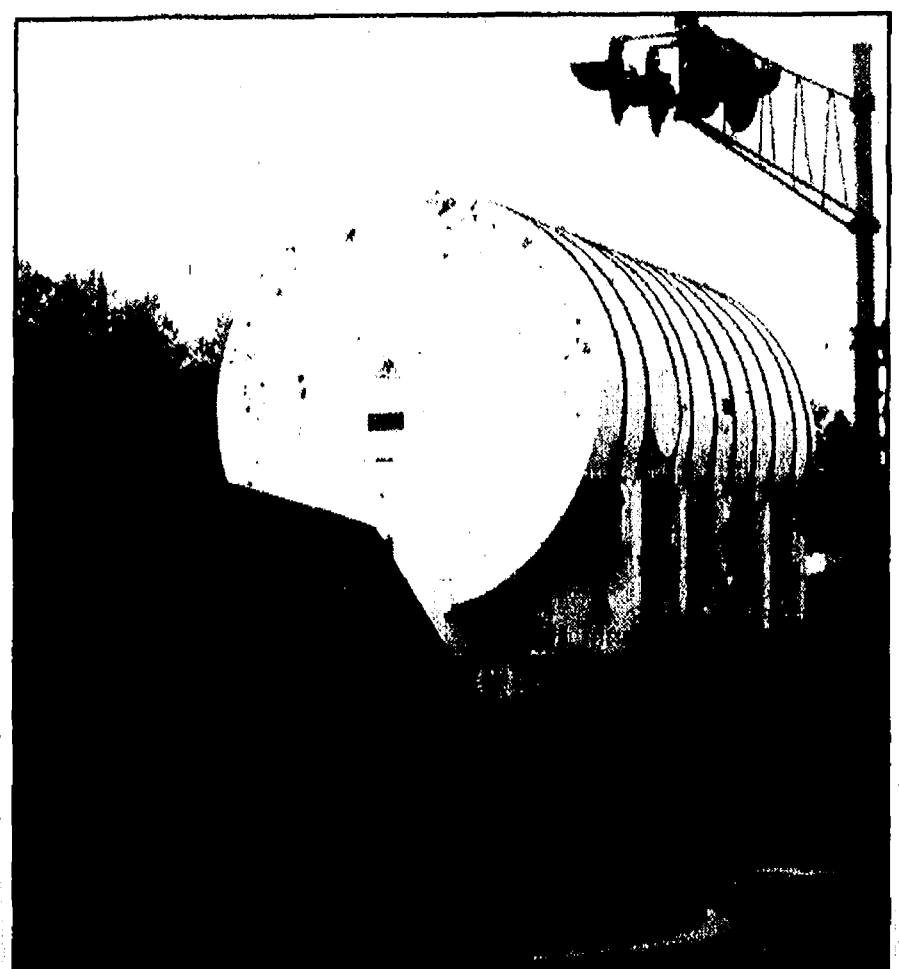
• Charlie Fick recently received a pin from the American Red Cross recognizing his cumulative donation of 30 gallons of blood.

• In two District Tournament contests last week, the GHS varsity boys soccer team played four overtime periods and two shoot-outs in games at Bellaire and Roscommon. Grayling outscored Bellaire 4-3 in the shoot-out to win the contest. Two days later the Vikings came up on the short end of a shoot-out, losing 4-2 to Roscommon.

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# 2003 – Year In Review

## NOVEMBER

6th

• Grayling High School's varsity football team advanced to the District Finals with a 15-14 double-overtime victory over Central Montcalm High School October 31 at Stanton. The win was the first ever post-season victory for the GHS football program.

• With many important issues facing the city, including the appointment of a new mayor, a mere 244 voters of 1,515 registered managed to make it to the polls or send in an absentee ballot in this highly contested City Council race. Joe Ferrigan, Kim McClain won two of the three four-year seats while Larry Akers tied with Tom Wellman for the third seat. That position will be decided by "drawing a name out of a hat." Dennis Palmer won the two-year position.

• Following a three-day trial before Chief Judge Alton T. Davis, a jury of 12 citizens found Kevin James Estep, the son of a former home day care provider guilty of Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st Degree with a person under the age of 13. Estep, 33 at the time of the complaint, allegedly inappropriately touched a four-year old at the home of Francis Estep on or about May 1, 2002.

13th

• It took a recount and a drawing to bring the 2003 Grayling City Council election to a close November 5 as the Crawford County Board of Canvassers met at the courthouse and verified the results. After a recount the results were the same – both Larry Akers and Tom Wellman had received the same number of votes. Following state law, two slips of paper were placed in a small box, one saying "elected,"



Play-off victory for GHS football team (November 6th edition)

the other "not elected." Akers drew the winning slip.

• A 14-year old fugitive from the Camp Shawono Juvenile Detention Center was taken back into custody November 5 after he took law enforcement on a high speed chase through two downstate counties in a vehicle he took from a Grayling Township resident. The chase ended in Montcalm County when the juvenile crashed into the rear of a police car sending both vehicles out of control. The youth is now facing charges of fleeing and eluding police, resisting or obstructing an officer, possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of a firearm and possibly felonious assault on an officer.

• The consensus at the most recent Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee was that if funds are not raised soon and work begun on the building within the next two to possibly three years, the building will have to be razed. Fundraising efforts are on-going but many granting agencies require that matching funds be on hand before they will release any money.

• Two Grayling units, the 1439th Engineer Detachment and the 1440th Engineer Detachment, will inprocess at Ft. McCoy, Wisconsin around December 13. Each engineer unit will deploy approximately 24 soldiers.

• In October, Grayling High School student Dustin Pizzi and his family learned he has lymphoblastic lymphoma cancer state III – a rare, but fast growing form of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma that attacks the lymphatic system. A spaghetti dinner benefit will be held December 5 at GHS to help alleviate the financial burden.

• The Grayling High School varsity football team's 2003 season came to an end last week with a 49-15 loss to the Benzie Central High School Huskies in the District Championship game November 7.

20th

• The Grayling City Council, in its first meeting since having

four of its five seats decided in the November 4 election, selected Joe Ferrigan as the new mayor and Roger Moshier as mayor pro-tem.

• Frederic Township named William Johnson as the new supervisor after Ron Lewis submitted his resignation saying his job, which is downstate, was making it extremely difficult for him to continue as township supervisor. Jeff Kea was named to fill the trustee position vacated by Johnson.

• High winds, rain and snow combined to cause power outages across most of Crawford County. Several people were without power from late Wednesday night to Sunday because of the large number of downed power lines. Winds gusted over 60 miles per hour and rain was followed by up to three inches of snow in some areas. The storm was called the worst in 20 years by veteran Great Lakes Energy linemen.

27th

• A call from an alert neighbor to 911, followed by the speedy response of both the Grayling City and Township Fire Department and the Beaver Creek Fire Department helped save the home of a state trooper and his wife last week. Neighbor Sally Golnick noticed smoke coming from the rear of the home. Sally's husband, Crawford County Commissioner Harold "Tike" Golnick, jogged

across the street and pounded on the door until he roused Mrs. Allen. Together they saved the Allen's pet cockatiel and a few possessions.

• The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will issue a permit to Savoy Energy of Traverse City for drilling an exploratory gas well near the Mason Tract by the end of November. The controversial well still has to receive clearances from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

• Nova Anderson, longtime director of the Commission on Aging, resigned effective November 30. At a special meeting with the COA board, after Anderson told them she could not work with them, they accepted her resignation with regrets.

• Grayling High School and Middle School students banded together for their Kids-Who-Care walkathon to raise funds for two of their peers – Danielle Welch, who was seriously injured in an auto accident Labor Day weekend and Dustin Pizzi, who is being treated for lymphoma. The students raised over \$5,000 which will be divided evenly between the families.

• The GHS varsity girls basketball team ended its 2003 season last Wednesday with a 56-34 loss to the Kalkaska Blazers in the District Tournament's semi-final round.



City election tiebreaker (November 13th edition)

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| 4. Indianapolis   | 12. Green Bay    |
| 5. Clemson        | 13. Ohio State   |
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# 2003 - Year In Review

## DECEMBER

### 4th

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners recently denied the request for additional funding to the 46th Circuit Trial Court for 1.5 percent pay raises for its employees. When questioned whether they turned it down due to the pending appeal regarding the retirement funding, Scott Hanson said no. The county has allocated \$841,649 as its share of circuit court funding and if the court wished to give its employees pay raises it could do so out of that funding by making some line item changes in its budget.

The personnel committee of the Commission on Aging has begun working on finding a replacement for longtime director Nova Anderson. Among the options being looked at is hiring an interim director.

The Michigan Supreme Court recently issued an order reappointing the Hon. Alton T. Davis Chief Judge for the 46th Circuit Trial Court. He was also named the Chief Judge individually for the 46th Circuit Court, 87th District Court, and Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Probate Courts. As the chief judge, Davis is responsible for the administration of all trial courts in Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties.

### 11th

The community is mourning the loss of a longtime public servant. Maple Forest Township Clerk Susan M. Keene died suddenly, December 5. Colleagues described her as the heart and soul of the township board and said she was very dedicated.

Sawmill employee Marge "Sammy" Gunter began decorating a Christmas tree last week in honor of the many local men and women serving in the military, especially those serving in Iraq.

The Commission on Aging voted to hire consultants Chris Curtin and Jean Peters as a transition team during their search for a new director.

Kevin James Estep, husband of a former local home daycare provider, was sentenced to six to 20 years in state prison for first

degree criminal sexual conduct with a child under 13 years of age.

More than \$800,000 in grants were received by Grayling for the innovative stormwater project. The three-year project is designed to prevent debris from flowing into the river through storm drains.

In just his second year as a head football coach - and his first at Grayling High School - GHS football coach Jay Mensing was recently named Class B Coach of the Year in Michigan by the Associated Press after leading his team to an 8-3 overall record and guiding the squad through its first play-off victory in school history.

Eight Vikings from this year's 8-3 varsity football team earned all-league honors in the Lake Michigan Conference. Roy Czapke, Joel Wilson, Andy Strohpaal and Greg Morrill were named to the all-league "first team." Bobby Starks, Aaron Rosecrans, Matt Swope and Zac Baker received "honorable mentions." Czapke was also named to the All-Regional Dream Team and the Associated Press All-State Team as an "honorable mention."

### 18th

Grayling Township adopted new zoning ordinances at their last meeting. A special hearing was held immediately before the regular township meeting. A handful of people attended the meeting, which will affect all property owners in the township.

Eighty-two year-old Loretta Straley, of Maple Forest, died in a house fire that one official said may have been caused by a cigarette being lit near her oxygen-generating medical equipment. For over seven hours, more than 30 fire fighters responded to the fire.

Grayling Township opted to send the controversial road ends ordinance back to the ad-hoc committee. They asked the committee to work on the objections raised during the meeting. They



Special Christmas tree (December 11th edition)

also mentioned that legislation is wending its way through the state that may supercede the ordinance. If the state legislation is not enacted by spring, another hearing will be held when more Lake Margrethe property owners are in the area.

### 25th

The recent implementation of a traffic safety program is slowing down speeders, enforcing the seat belt laws, nabbing drunk drivers and bringing in much needed revenue. The program started October 1 and has resulted in approximately \$24,700 in revenue from over 770 tickets.

Police have arrested one man in connection with a string of break-ins stretching from Crawford to Montcalm County. Arrest warrants are being pursued for three other people from the Montcalm County area. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office became involved as the result of a break-in at Kellogg's Bridge Store in Lovells Township in late November.

The transition team the Commission on Aging (COA) hoped to hire while they searched for a new director has decided not to participate in the endeavor. As a result, the COA has asked Crawford County Controller Paul Compo to oversee operations during the search for a new director. Compo will work with board chair Jack Mahank, personnel committee chair Neal Michal and finance committee chair Bob Bonkoski to develop the criteria

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## LEGAL ACTION

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James E. Faust and Nancy A. Faust, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Old Kent Mortgage Company, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 22, 1999, and recorded on January 12, 2000 in Liber 499 on Page 363, and modified by agreement dated February 24, 2000, and recorded on March 16, 2000 in Liber 503 on Page 363, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen And 69/100 Dollars (\$52,213.69), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 28, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: The East 300 feet of the South 300 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, lying East of the East Branch of the AuSable River.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the

redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 25, 2003  
For more information, please call:  
FC W 248.593.1312  
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Fifth Third Mortgage Company as successor by merger and/or name change to Old Kent Mortgage Company, a Michigan Corporation.  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #007432F01

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Randall K. West, A/K/A Randall Keith West, and Sheri Marie West, husband and wife, of 10446 Regimental Way, Grayling, 49738-6741 to First National Bank Of Graylord, of 501 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Gaylord, Michigan, 49735, dated June 5, 2000 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, and the State of Michigan, on July 6, 2000 in Liber 0511 Pages 223 through 226, Crawford County Records, and which there is a claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$93,020.96.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 4th day of February, 2004 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee

allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows:  
Land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, Block 13 of Portage Heights, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six(6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: December 18, 2003  
Bodman, Longley & Dahling LLP  
By: Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)  
Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord  
229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
(231) 627-4351

-25-1-8-15-22

### CRAWFORD COUNTY IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR DEPUTY TREASURER

The Crawford County Treasurer is seeking an energetic, enthusiastic, and creative person that is willing to accept the challenges/rewards that come with serving the community. The preferred applicant will possess strong communication skills, problem solving abilities, accounting/general ledger/reconciling experience, and a desire to serve the public. Interested candidates should send their resume to the Crawford County Treasurer, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. The deadline for consideration is 4:00 pm 1/20/04. Crawford County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James S. Morrow, II, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Bank of Ann Arbor, Mortgagee, dated October 28, 2002, and recorded on November 4, 2002 in Liber 605 on Page 354, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Washington Mutual Bank as assignee by an assignment dated November 12, 2002

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recorded on July 23, 2003 in Liber 643 on Page 483, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven And 82/100 Dollars (\$35,727.82), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 4, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot Numbered 44, Assessor's Plat of Switzerville, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 31, Crawford County Records.  
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.  
Dated: January 1, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC J 248.593.1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Washington Mutual Bank  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #008091F01

-1-8-15-22

### GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Pleased be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 19, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Meeting Room, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following cases:

Case #03-22: Michael & Lisa Strother, owner.  
41-010-13-025-00  
T26N, R3W, Sec.10  
2154 Mandell  
NRD Zone

A request to add a 12'x14' two wall addition on the west side of residence, not to extend past existing, 114' from the river, a variance of 86' (includes 2' rise in bank), and to enclose the existing 6'x28' porch area on the east side of the residence (roof is existing), variance of 86' (includes 2' rise in bank).

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Comments regarding these requests may be made in person at the public hearing or signed and dated correspondence may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521 Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361. No unsigned letters or telephone messages will be considered.

Terry R. Wright  
Zoning Administrator



# NOTICE OF **SHOW CAUSE HEARING** AND **JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING** **NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES**

On March 1, 2003 real estate with **unpaid 2001 and/or prior years property taxes** was forfeited to the Crawford County Treasurer pursuant to the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as amended.

The State of Michigan is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to foreclose on this property for unpaid property taxes.

There are two hearings scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

**A Show Cause Hearing** is scheduled for Jan 13, 2004 - Jan 27, 2004 at 430 W Allegan, First Floor, Lansing MI 48922.

Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the county treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and redeem that property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

**A Judicial Foreclosure Hearing** is scheduled for 9:00 AM, February 5, 2004 at the 46th Circuit Court, 200 W Michigan Ave, Grayling MI 49738.

At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the State of Michigan, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 03-6095-CZ.

## If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:

- You have the right to redeem this parcel from the foreclosure process by payment of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. You should contact the Crawford County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.
- You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.
- The title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees are paid within 21 days after judgment is entered in the foreclosure proceedings.

## PLEASE NOTE:

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

**This notice is required to be given by law**, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any **undischarged, apparent, or potential** title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are NOT being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is no procedure for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed may become available at public auction in July, September, and November of 2004. These parcels remain the property of their current owner until redemption rights have expired. No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

The amount due listed indicates the balance which was due as of forfeiture on March 1, 2003. The current amount required to redeem must be obtained from the Crawford County Treasurer, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

Name	Parcel #	Amount	Name	Parcel #	Amount	Name	Parcel #	Amount
AIELLO, MARY E	032-340-000-007-00	\$1,249.52	FRITZ, HELMUTH	010-14-750-00-010-00	\$945.63	NORTH CENTRAL AREA CREDIT UNION		
ALLIANCE FUNDING			FRITZ, HELMUTH	040-45-620-01-025-00	\$593.52	062-033-012-100-00	\$1,050.88	
ANDERSON, CHRISTINE	040-45-940-00-014-00	\$873.58	FRITZ, INGRID	010-14-125-00-011-00	\$302.89	NORTH CENTRAL AREA CREDIT UNION		
ARMSTRONG, JAMES	032-340-000-007-00	\$1,249.52	FRITZ, INGRID	010-14-750-00-010-00	\$945.63	062-036-012-030-01	\$680.60	
			FRITZ, INGRID	040-45-620-01-025-00	\$593.52	OLSON, BEATRICE	040-42-015-13-160-00	\$1,368.80
BANK ONE	040-45-660-00-006-00	\$967.06	GAERTNER, KIMERLY	040-45-340-00-014-00	\$440.21	OSBORN, ARDITH	010-11-027-04-140-00	\$3,104.71
BATESON, SUSAN	010-14-750-00-010-00	\$945.63	GAERTNER, RICK	040-45-340-00-014-00	\$440.21	OSBORN, CRAIG L	010-11-027-04-140-00	\$3,104.71
BERBYNUK, JON G	070-100-008-003-00	\$2,523.29	GAINES, HELEN I	070-183-001-011-01	\$1,481.91	OSBORN, MACGILLIVARY E JR	010-11-027-04-140-00	\$3,104.71
BERBYNUK, JON G	040-40-019-03-006-00	\$495.40	GLADWIN, JAY	052-520-000-540-00	\$567.15			
BLAINE, LADONNA	020-019-006-380-00	\$493.50	GRAY, GARY G	010-14-400-00-196-00	\$345.02	OSBORN, MRS. CRAIG L	010-11-027-04-140-00	\$3,104.71
BOATMAN, ZEPHER A	031-028-001-100-06	\$466.22	GRAY, VICKIE L	010-14-400-00-196-00	\$345.02	OSBORN, MRS. MACGILLIVARY E	010-11-027-04-140-00	\$3,104.71
BURNETT, COLLIN K	020-016-005-070-00	\$384.32	GRAYLING STATE BANK	040-45-340-00-014-00	\$440.21			
BUTLER, ROBERT L	040-45-760-11-037-00	\$361.92	GRAYLING TOWNSHIP	040-45-200-01-013-00	\$401.42	PALASZEK, MARGARET	040-41-021-11-030-00	\$536.40
CALLAHAN, DEBORAH	070-183-001-011-00	\$285.04	GREAT LAKES ROOFING & INSULATION SYSTEMS	070-150-003-004-00	\$5,247.43	PEDROTTE, LEO C	010-13-029-12-040-00	\$979.66
CALLAHAN, DEBORAH	070-183-001-011-01	\$1,481.91	GROSS, STEVEN D	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$420.49	PEDROTTE, MARGARET	010-13-029-12-040-00	\$979.66
CALLAHAN, JOHN	070-183-001-011-01	\$1,481.91	HALSTEAD, KENNETH	030-011-001-109-00	\$660.59	PEER, DANIEL D	063-013-003-020-00	\$3,467.96
CALLAHAN, JOHN P	070-183-001-011-00	\$285.04	HARLAND, MARIE	040-41-003-16-040-03	\$378.55	PEER, DONALD D JR	063-013-003-020-00	\$3,467.96
CALLAHAN, WILLIAM	070-183-001-011-01	\$1,481.91	HARLAND, RICHARD	040-41-003-16-040-03	\$378.55	PEER, DONALD D SR	063-013-003-020-00	\$3,467.96
CALLAHAN, WILLIAM A	070-183-001-011-00	\$285.04	HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORP	064-440-000-008-00	\$1,389.37	PEER, DONNA M	063-013-003-020-00	\$3,467.96
CALVIN, BEN W	010-11-022-14-060-00	\$1,815.12	HUNTER, KIMBERLY	040-41-003-16-040-03	\$378.55	PEER, ESTHER C	063-013-003-020-00	\$3,467.96
CALVIN, JAMES H	010-11-022-14-060-00	\$1,815.12	HUNTER, MICHAEL	040-41-003-16-040-03	\$378.55	PEER, MRS. DANIEL D	063-013-003-020-00	\$3,467.96
CALVIN, SUSAN	010-11-022-14-060-00	\$1,815.12	I.R.S.	040-42-013-02-130-00	\$3,463.81	PELTON, GEORGE	020-034-001-020-01	\$1,104.01
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	031-028-001-100-06	\$466.22	I.R.S.	040-42-013-05-060-00	\$789.78	PELTON, GEORGE	020-034-001-045-00	\$402.89
CHAPPEL, SUSAN K	031-028-001-100-06	\$466.22	I.R.S.	040-45-283-00-161-00	\$501.14	PELTON, LINDA	020-034-001-020-01	\$1,104.01
CITIZENS BANK	010-13-029-12-040-00	\$979.66	I.R.S.	062-033-012-100-00	\$1,050.88	PELTON, LINDA	020-034-001-045-00	\$402.89
CITIZENS BANK	040-42-013-02-045-01	\$3,602.86	INDEPENDENT BANK	062-005-015-030-00	\$669.77	PERRY, KAREN E	020-016-005-070-00	\$384.32
CITIZENS BANK	040-43-033-12-015-00	\$475.42	JONES, CAROL J	050-010-009-020-00	\$925.76	PERRY, WILLIAM D	020-016-005-070-00	\$384.32
CITIZENS BANK	040-43-033-12-040-01	\$294.08	JONES, CAROL J	050-010-009-030-00	\$372.21	PETERSON, VIRGINIA	040-42-013-05-060-00	\$789.78
CITIZENS BANK	040-45-480-00-018-00	\$817.71	JONES, LLOYD E	050-010-009-020-00	\$925.76	PHILLIPS, JEAN F	040-42-013-05-060-00	\$789.78
CITIZENS BANK, GRAYLING STATE BANK NKA	040-42-013-02-045-01	\$3,602.86	JONES, LLOYD E	050-010-009-030-00	\$372.21	PIZZI, FERN LEE	070-132-001-001-04	\$1,452.26
COCHRAN, THELMA S	020-016-005-070-00	\$384.32	JUNTILLA, DAWN M	040-40-019-03-006-00	\$495.40	PIZZI, GAYE	070-132-001-001-04	\$1,452.26
COLLINS, MARY A	020-016-003-020-00	\$303.23	JUNTILLA, JOHN D	040-40-019-03-006-00	\$495.40	PLUTKO, HOLLY	010-13-029-12-040-00	\$979.66
CONKLIN, CAROL	020-016-005-070-00	\$384.32	KOBEL, HENRY W	064-500-000-030-00	\$660.77	POPE, BETTY L	050-019-011-290-00	\$734.01
CONKLIN, KENNETH	020-016-005-070-00	\$384.32	KOBEL, HOWARD S	064-500-000-030-00	\$660.77	POPE, MICHAEL G	050-019-011-290-00	\$734.01
CONSOLIDATED MORTGAGE & FINANCIAL SERVICES			KOCH, VIVIAN	070-182-002-001-00	\$1,271.28	PRESS, ELIZABETH	040-44-027-05-040-00	\$759.33
CORP	040-40-022-04-150-02	\$545.99	KOGELMAN, CYNTHIA S	030-002-006-120-00	\$956.07	RATZ, GERALD E	030-003-013-040-00	\$734.74
CONSOLIDATED MORTGAGE & FINANCIAL SERVICES			KOGELMAN, RANDALL	030-002-006-120-00	\$956.07	REED, RICKY A	040-45-283-00-161-00	\$501.14
CORP	040-40-023-07-020-00	\$3,098.33	KUNKEL, BETTY	040-40-024-11-065-00	\$653.74	RHINEHART, WILLIAM R	052-520-000-540-00	\$567.15
CORBIN, DEBORAH K	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$1,755.16	KUNKEL, BETTY L	040-42-013-02-045-01	\$3,602.86	ROBINSON, BARBARA	040-43-026-13-020-01	\$679.27
CORBIN, RICK V	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$1,755.16	KUNKEL, DOYLE	040-40-024-11-065-00	\$653.74	ROBINSON, EDWARD II	040-43-026-13-020-01	\$679.27
CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION	032-180-000-401-00	\$248.25	KUNKEL, DOYLE W	040-42-013-02-045-01	\$3,602.86	ROOT, MARILYN M	040-42-015-13-160-00	\$1,368.80
CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION			LABEAN, LARRY L	064-161-000-040-00	\$682.14	SANCARTIER, SHARON	040-45-766-02-012-00	\$1,140.68
CROSS, BETTY L	020-019-006-380-00	\$493.50	LARM, DALE	040-45-940-00-014-00	\$873.58	SANCRANT, JANET L	064-400-000-022-00	\$317.64
CROSS, WILLIAM T	020-019-006-380-00	\$493.50	LARM, DORIA	040-45-940-00-014-00	\$873.58	SANCRANT, JANET L	064-400-000-022-00	\$317.64
CROSS, WILLIAM	020-019-006-380-00	\$493.50	LEASURE, CRAIG	064-440-000-008-00	\$1,389.37	SANCRANT, TIMOTHY	064-400-000-021-00	\$317.64
DEAN, KENNETH	070-200-003-011-00	\$1,890.44	LEASURE, ELIZABETH A	064-440-000-008-00	\$1,389.37	SANCRANT, TIMOTHY	064-400-000-022-00	\$317.64
DEAN, MICHELLE	070-200-003-011-00	\$1,890.44	LOVELY, KIM	040-44-027-05-040-00	\$759.33	SAWYER, NORBERTA M	070-150-003-004-00	\$5,247.43
DEMONES, SUSAN M	032-180-000-401-00	\$248.25	MALINOWSKI, DAVID L	070-182-002-001-00	\$1,271.28	SCHANS, LAURA (TRUST) J	040-42-013-02-130-00	\$3,463.81
DEMONES, THOMAS C	032-180-000-401-00	\$248.25	MALINOWSKI, EDWARD JR	070-182-002-001-00	\$1,271.28	SCHANS, THOMAS (TRUST) H	040-42-013-02-130-00	\$3,463.81
DENEAU, MICHELLE	040-40-019-03-006-00	\$495.40	MALLOY, MARIE C	040-42-013-05-060-00	\$789.78	SCHARF, MARGARET	040-41-021-11-030-00	\$536.40
DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY			MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST CO	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$1,755.16	SCHMIDTENDORFF, LINDA	070-100-008-003-00	\$2,523.29
DERUNTZ, PAMELA K	020-075-000-193-00	\$320.55	MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST CO	040-40-023-07-020-00	\$3,098.33	SCHMIDTENDORFF, LINDA L	070-100-008-011-00	\$8,722.35
DIXON, WALTER	010-12-032-03-030-00	\$1,515.79	MARINOVICH, THERESA	040-45-340-00-014-00	\$440.21	SCHUMACHER, ANTHONY G	052-775-000-005-00	\$434.94
DOTT, CHERYL M	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$420.49	MARINOVICH, WILLIAM	040-45-340-00-014-00	\$440.21	SCHUMACHER, JENNIFER	052-775-000-005-00	\$434.94
DUNCKLEY, GEORGE P	030-002-006-120-00	\$956.07	MCNAMARA, PATRICK J	070-200-003-011-00	\$1,890.44	SILVER FOX ENTERPRISES, INC	070-100-008-011-00	\$8,722.35
DUNCKLEY, PATRICIA M	030-002-006-120-00	\$956.07	MCRAE, VIOLETTA F	040-45-480-00-018-00	\$817.71	SILVER FOX ENTERPRISES, INC	070-100-008-003-00	\$2,523.29
EQUITCREDIT CORP OF AMERICA	070-200-003-011-00	\$1,890.44	MCRAE, WILLIAM E	040-45-480-00-018-00	\$817.71	SMITH, DOUGLAS D	062-033-012-100-00	\$1,050.88
FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$384.32	MELLEN, FLORENCE R	040-45-200-01-013-00	\$401.42	SMOCK, JESSIE	040-45-660-00-006-00	\$967.06
FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION	064-500-000-030-00	\$660.77	MICHIGAN DEPT OF TREASURY	040-40-003-06-080-00	\$982.25	SORENSEN FUNERAL HOME	040-42-013-02-045-01	\$3,602.86
FEDAK, FRED	040-42-013-02-130-00	\$3,463.81	MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING	040-45-766-02-012-00	\$1,140.68	STATE OF MICHIGAN	070-100-008-011-00	\$8,722.35
FEDAK, FRED	040-42-013-05-060-00	\$789.78	MOGGO, DOUGLAS	040-40-003-06-080-00	\$982.25	STATE OF MICHIGAN	070-183-001-011-00	\$285.04
FEDAK, FRED	070-100-008-003-00	\$2,523.29	MOGGO, PAULINE	040-40-003-06-080-00	\$982.25	STATE OF MICHIGAN UNEMPLOYMENT AGENCY	040-45-283-00-161-00	\$501.14
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INS CORP, ALLIANCE FUNDING NKA	052-775-000-005-00	\$434.94	MORTGAGE CORP OF AMERICA (TRUSTEE)	031-023-013-008-00	\$430.19	STEVENS, KIMBERLY L	010-11-027-04-140-00	\$3,104.71
FIFTH THIRD BANK	040-45-760-11-037-00	\$361.92	MOSER, PAMELA J	010-11-027-04-140-00	\$3,104.71	STIMMEL, WENDY SUE	064-400-000-632-00	\$362.19
FITZGERALD, MARK	040-40-019-03-006-00	\$495.40	NICHOLS, JAYE	040-40-022-04-150-02	\$545.99	TATHAM, ANN M	010-12-020-01-020-00	\$516.58
FORCE / THERRIEN, TRACIE V	010-14-400-00-165-00	\$2,111.26	NICHOLS, JAYE	040-40-023-07-020-00	\$3,098.33	TATHAM, ANN M	010-12-021-06-040-00	\$1,664.12
FORCE, THOMAS	010-14-400-00-165-00	\$2,111.26	NICHOLS, STEVEN	040-40-022-04-150-02	\$545.99	TATHAM, JAMES	010-12-020-01-020-00	\$516.58
FORD, LEONA E	064-500-000-030-00	\$660.77	NICHOLS, STEVEN	040-40-023-07-020-00	\$3,098.33	TATHAM, JAMES	010-12-021-06-040-00	\$1,664.12
FRANKLIN, JECZEN J	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$420.49				TATHAM, MARY J	010-12-021-06-040-00	\$1,664.12
FRANKLIN, STEVEN P	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$420.49				TATHAM, MARY JO	010-12-020-01-020-00	\$516.58
FRITZ, HELMUTH	010-14-125-00-011-00	\$302.89						



TATHAM, ROBERT 010-12-020-01-020-00 \$516.58  
TATHAM, ROBERT 010-12-021-06-040-00 \$1,664.12  
TAYLOR, CHARLES 031-023-013-008-00 \$430.19  
TAYLOR, MARY ANN 020-016-003-020-00 \$303.23  
THAYER, CHARLENE I 052-520-000-375-00 \$327.55  
THAYER, ROY D JR 052-520-000-375-00 \$327.55  
THAYER, SUSAN 052-520-000-381-00 \$333.02  
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO 020-016-001-010-00 \$618.43  
THEMM, ELIZABETH 050-010-009-020-00 \$925.76  
THEMM, ELIZABETH 050-010-009-030-00 \$372.21  
THEMM, RICK 050-010-009-020-00 \$925.76  
THEMM, RICK 050-010-009-030-00 \$372.21  
THERRIEN, TRACIE VOILET 010-14-400-00-165-00 \$2,111.26  
THOMAS, PAUL S 051-022-008-020-00 \$1,482.64  
TITCHENELL, DONALD 062-036-012-020-00 \$994.06

TITCHENELL, DONALD R JR 062-036-012-030-01 \$680.60  
TITCHENELL, ETHELYN L 062-036-012-030-01 \$680.60  
TITCHENELL, PATSY 062-036-012-020-00 \$994.06  
TREUTLE, DEBBRA K 062-005-015-030-00 \$669.77  
TREUTLE, FREDERICK J 062-005-015-030-00 \$669.77  
VINTON, LORRAINE K 070-100-008-003-00 \$2,523.29  
VINTON, LORRAINE K 070-100-008-011-00 \$8,722.35  
WALKER, DANNY L 040-43-033-12-015-00 \$475.42  
WALKER, DANNY L 040-43-033-12-040-01 \$294.08  
WALKER, VALERIE E 040-43-033-12-015-00 \$475.42  
WALKER, VALERIE E 040-43-033-12-040-01 \$294.08  
WEAVER, WENDY 070-150-003-004-00 \$5,247.43

WELSER, JAYSON S 040-41-006-03-040-00 \$426.09  
WEYN, JOSEPH R 040-41-003-16-040-03 \$378.55  
WHITE, MARY J 040-41-003-16-040-03 \$378.55  
WHITE, THERON (TRUST) H 070-100-008-003-00 \$2,523.29  
WHITE, THERON (TRUST) H 070-100-008-011-00 \$8,722.35  
WHITLEY, DANA 070-150-003-004-00 \$5,247.43  
WHITLEY, TAMMY 070-150-003-004-00 \$5,247.43  
WILKINSON, GEORGE 050-018-009-020-02 \$825.57  
WILKINSON, IRENE 050-018-009-020-02 \$825.57  
WILLAVIZE, LARRY JR 010-14-125-00-001-00 \$381.03  
WILLAVIZE, LARRY SR 010-14-125-00-001-00 \$381.03  
YOST, DEBORAH 020-016-001-010-00 \$618.43

No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

010-11-022-14-060-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP  
010-11-027-04-140-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP  
010-12-020-01-020-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP  
010-12-021-06-040-00 GRAYLING  
010-12-032-03-030-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP  
010-13-029-12-040-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP  
010-14-125-00-001-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP  
010-14-125-00-011-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP  
010-14-400-00-165-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP  
010-14-400-00-196-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP  
010-14-400-00-229-00 3114 TIMBERLINE TRL, GRAYLING  
010-14-750-00-010-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP  
020-016-001-010-00 3083 W BABBITT RD, FREDERIC  
020-016-003-020-00 W BABBITT RD, FREDERIC  
020-016-005-070-00 MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP  
020-019-006-380-00 MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP  
020-034-001-020-01 2227 W CO RD 612, GRAYLING  
020-034-001-045-00 CO RD 612, GRAYLING  
020-075-000-193-00 MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP  
030-002-006-120-00 MAY LAKE RD, FREDERIC TOWNSHIP  
030-003-013-040-00 FREDERIC TOWNSHIP  
030-011-001-109-00 4948 COX DR, FREDERIC TOWNSHIP  
031-023-013-008-00 FREDERIC TOWNSHIP  
031-028-001-100-06 VALLEY RD, FREDERIC TOWNSHIP  
032-180-000-401-00 FREDERIC TOWNSHIP  
032-340-000-007-00 2569 MANISTEE RIVER RD, FREDERIC TOWNSHIP  
040-40-003-06-080-00 3014 E NORTH DOWN RIVER RD, GRAYLING  
040-40-019-03-006-00 GRAYLING  
040-40-022-04-150-02 3389 CHASE BRIDGE RD, GRAYLING

040-40-023-07-020-00 3389 CHASE BRIDGE RD, GRAYLING  
040-40-024-11-065-00 5139 E M-72 HWY, GRAYLING  
040-41-003-16-040-03 GRAYLING  
040-41-006-03-040-00 GRAYLING  
040-41-021-11-030-00 GRAYLING  
040-42-013-02-045-01 5139 E M-72 HWY, GRAYLING  
040-42-013-02-130-00 6405 W M-72 HWY, GRAYLING  
040-42-013-05-060-00 1509 S AUSABLE TRL, GRAYLING  
040-42-015-13-160-00 8014 MARGRETHE BLVD, GRAYLING  
040-43-026-13-020-01 GRAYLING  
040-43-033-12-015-00 2365 W NORTH DOWN RIVER RD, GRAYLING  
040-43-033-12-040-01 2365 W NORTH DOWN RIVER RD, GRAYLING  
040-44-027-05-040-00 2706 W JONES LAKE RD, GRAYLING  
040-44-028-13-020-00 PINWOOD ST, GRAYLING  
040-45-200-01-013-00 DATE ST, GRAYLING  
040-45-283-00-161-00 401 ALEXIA LN, GRAYLING  
040-45-340-00-014-00 3603 WINTERGREEN LN, GRAYLING  
040-45-480-00-018-00 2118 S WAKELEY BRIDGE RD, GRAYLING  
040-45-620-01-025-00 COLLEEN AVE, GRAYLING  
040-45-660-00-006-00 110 DALE ST, GRAYLING  
040-45-760-11-037-00 10333 MADISON AVE, GRAYLING  
040-45-766-02-012-00 CHICAGO BLVD, GRAYLING  
040-45-940-00-014-00 1953 W NIGHTHAWK LN, GRAYLING  
050-010-009-020-00 BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP  
050-010-009-030-00 BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

050-018-009-020-02 8606 S OLD 27, GRAYLING  
050-019-011-290-00 BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP  
051-022-008-020-00 MATTHEW RD, GRAYLING  
052-520-000-375-00 BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP  
052-520-000-381-00 BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP  
052-520-000-540-00 BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP  
052-775-000-005-00 9884 SWITZER BLVD, ROSCOMMON  
062-005-015-030-00 BELL TOP RD, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP  
062-033-012-100-00 SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP  
062-036-012-020-00 SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP  
062-036-012-030-01 5415 N M-18, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP  
063-013-003-020-00 SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP  
064-161-000-040-00 SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP  
064-400-000-021-00 SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP  
064-400-000-022-00 SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP  
064-400-000-632-00 SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP  
064-440-000-008-00 11879 STECKERT BRIDGE RD, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP  
064-500-000-030-00 11805 ROBERTA DR, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP  
070-100-008-003-00 502 NORWAY ST, GRAYLING  
070-100-008-011-00 103 E MICHIGAN AVE, GRAYLING  
070-132-001-001-04 401 MIKADO ST, GRAYLING  
070-150-003-004-00 207 S JAMES ST, GRAYLING  
070-182-002-001-00 901 MICHIGAN AVE, GRAYLING  
070-183-001-011-00 1130 I-75 BUS. LOOP, GRAYLING  
070-183-001-011-01 103 I-75 BUS. LOOP, GRAYLING  
070-200-003-011-00 603 GALEN ST., GRAYLING

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## LEGAL ACTION

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kirk Alan Wakefield and Vicki C. Wakefield, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to TCF National Bank successor by merger and/or name change to Great Lakes National Bank Michigan as successor by merger to Great Lakes Federal Savings and Loan Association, Mortgagee, dated October 14, 1985, and recorded on October 22, 1985 in Liber 239 on Page 252, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight And 03/100 Dollars (\$23,568.03), including interest at 5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 21, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 26, 27, 28 and 29, Block 2, Sixth Addition of Portage Lake Park, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 25, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 18, 2003  
For more information, please call: FC F 248.593.1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For TCF National Bank successor by merger and/or name change to Great Lakes National Bank Michigan as successor by merger to Great Lakes Federal Savings and Loan Association, 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #006764F01 -18-25-1-8

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Arthur Hurst, a single man and Madeline Marie Chase, a single woman as joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Centex Home Equity Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 2, 2001, and recorded on February 12, 2001 in Liber 528 on Page 484, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Nineteen Thousand Twenty-Three And 53/100 Dollars (\$19,023.53), including interest at 14% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 4, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township

of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: A parcel of Land located in the West ten acres of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, being further described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 04 seconds West along the North line of said Section 1155.66 feet for a point of beginning; Thence continuing North 89 degrees 37 minutes 04 seconds West 163.63 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 33 seconds East along the West 1/8 line 443.62 feet; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 17 seconds East 163.63 feet; thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 33 seconds West 443.70 feet to the point of beginning. Be the same more or less, but subject to all legal highways.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 1, 2004  
For more information, please call: FC F 248.593.1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Centex Home Equity Corporation, LLC successor by merger to Centex Home Equity Corporation, 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #007879F01 -1-8-15-22

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mort-

gagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Margaret Rita Pedrotte and A/K/A Margaret Pedrotte, a protected person, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 31, 1998, and recorded on August 26, 1998 in Liber 461 on Page 403, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Four And 58/100 Dollars (\$15,554.58), including interest at 9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 11, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 29, Town 28 North, Range 2 West, (also being known as Parcel D)

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 8, 2004  
For more information, please call: FC J 248.593.1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Citizens Bank, 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #007933F01 -8-15-22-29

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Renee L. Forbes, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated March 6, 1998, and recorded on March 24, 1998 in Liber 449 on Page 574, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated June 1, 1999 recorded on November 2, 1999 in Liber 494 on Page 367, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Eighty And 24/100 Dollars (\$28,080.24), including interest at 7.4% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 21, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 5 and 6 Little Richard Estates, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 34, Crawford County Records, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 18, 2003  
For more information, please call: FC J 248.593.1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #006833F01 -18-25-1-8

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL SECTION 5311 (FORMER SECTION 18) APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for fiscal year 2005, as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951 as amended, and for federal Section 5311 (formerly Section 18) assistance as required under the Federal Transit Act, as amended.

The CCTA is requesting Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$515,689) in state operating assistance for general public transit services; One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars (\$128,922) in Federal Section 5311 operating assistance; and in excess of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000) for facility renovation and expansion, replacement buses, equipment and other undertakings as are eligible for capital project support.

The proposed application is stored on an electronic file which may be accessed using equipment available at the CCTA administrative offices. Interested parties may schedule an appointment to review the application by telephoning 348-8215

Written comments regarding the application and/or written requests for a public hearing to review the application must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2004. If a hearing is requested, notice of the scheduled date, time and location will be provided at least 10 days in advanced.

Submittals should be mailed to:  
Crawford County Transportation Authority  
4276 West North Down River Road  
Grayling, Michigan 49738

"The Crawford County Transportation Authority is an EOE/AA Organization"  
"Proposals from Certified DBE/WBE Vendors are requested"

## CITY OF GRAYLING

The City of Grayling has temporarily discontinued fluoridation of its municipal water supply. This is an interim measure, and you will be notified when fluoridation resumes. The change will not affect the quality, taste or safety of the water.

Any questions regarding this measure can be directed to the city office at 348-2131.

Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: [www.crawfordco.org](http://www.crawfordco.org) eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds  
October 17, 2002



# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago January 8, 1981

The Grayling law firm of Miles, Dreyer and Dubois is pleased to announce that William L. Carey has become associated with the firm.

Inez Collen was 98 years young on December 31st, New Years Eve. A resident of Grayling for 42 years, she celebrates her birthday with co-residents and friends at Matson's Milltown Manor where she has lived the last six years.

Mary Elaine Harland, elected to represent District 3, on the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, was sworn into office by County Clerk Leo Lovely on January 2, 1981.

Grayling Viking basketball guard Scott Hale goes up for an easy two-pointer in Grayling's romps over the Hurons on Friday.

Grayling Varsity Volleyball team hit it with their best shot winning their season opener against Mancelona on Monday night. It only took two games for Grayling to walk away with the match 15-11 and 15-3. Shelly McKinney and Jenny Riker led the serving attack while the aggressive spiking action of Lisa Radebaugh and Sharon Ruddy paced the court wins.

The Vikings finish was doubly impressive as they entered the competition at the Freeland Invitational Wrestling Tournament against nine other competitors with only eight of thirteen wrestler's making the trip. Six of the eight wrestler's topped individual medals at the competition. A first place gold medal was awarded to Tim Ferrigan (132 lbs.) Second place medal was earned by Tim Jensen (119 lbs.), John Solomonson (145lbs.) and Steve Allen (198lbs.). Dave Pettit (126 lbs) and Jeff Knight (167 lbs), won third place medals.

### 46 Years Ago January 9, 1958

The January 1958 term of Circuit Court will open at the Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling next Tuesday afternoon. Circuit Court Judge John C. Shaffer will preside as court opens at 1:30 p.m.

The first college basketball game ever to be played in Grayling will take place on Saturday evening, February 1st when the lumberjacks of Alpena Community College will clash with Acquinas College of Grand Rapids.

Mr. Bill Joseph of Grayling won the skier first free ski week at Boyne Mountain.

The news is last year's but one of the prettiest decorated places out here for Christmas was Joe's Mart, inside and out, and the house was full of friends and relatives.

Glen Dingman speared a ten pound two ounce pike last Thursday Morning. The fish measured 33 inches long. Glen wouldn't say which lake, only that it was speared in Crawford County. He also saw four other ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Rockelman and children have moved from the Deckrow home on Chestnut Street to the Earl Burns house on the AuSable River in the eastern part of town.

### 69 Years Ago January 10, 1935

The "Grayling down the AuSable" film is being shown in Illinois this week before luncheon clubs, and it is scheduled to be shown in the Little World's Fair in Detroit.

Harvey Croz, district supervisor of the state recreation program, is calling for dramatic talent among local people in hopes of forming a Dramatic Guild.

While January thaws continue to reduce sliding facilities to a discouraging nothingness, a loyal band of Winter Sport officials and workers refuse to believe Old Man Winter can be harsh for as long as they go about knocking the rough edges off plans for Grayling's great-

est snow show, the tenth annual Winter Sports Carnival.

### 92 Years Ago January 11, 1912

Oscar and Albert Charron and crew of Maple Forest are lumbering A. Taylor's eighty. They camp on Forbush farm, where their sister, Mrs. Murphy, looks after the inner man.

Thos. KeChittego and wife have purchased a small farm on the south side of the river, and moved their household goods there from Roscommon this week. Glad to have them back in Grayling.

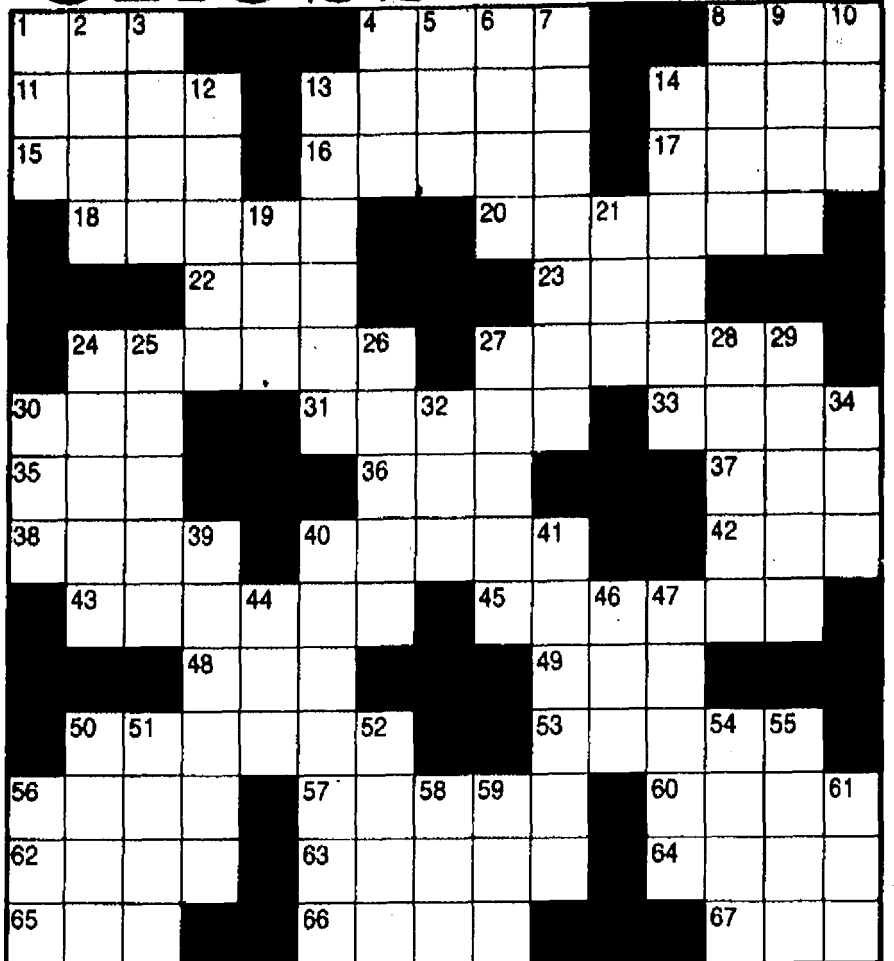
Fire broke out about 2:30 yesterday afternoon in the house occupied by E.R. Clark on the south side, and the building and contents were entirely destroyed.

The Cook Dam, on the AuSable River, and the first of thirteen similar structures to be built at the total cost of \$1,000,000 each, it has been completed and is now ready for use. Charron boys of Maple Forest are hauling and banking logs in Frederic. It looks like old times once more.

Kling Bros. are shipping another car of beans this week. That's what will call for an elevator, Mr. Farmer.

George Langevin and family have moved into their new home north of the school house on Spruce Street.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Actress Scala
4. French naturalist
8. Presidential nickname
11. Curvature
13. Hopeless case
14. Partial: prefix
15. Traditional knowledge
16. Bay horses
17. Cigar-hawking Adams
18. Impudence
20. Looked after
22. Tool's mate
23. Egg drink
24. Map parts
27. Colliers
30. Frost, as a cake
31. Part of SST
33. Appear to be
35. Downturn
36. Rockefeller riches source
37. Farm male
38. Med. subj.
40. Heavens supporter
42. Land measure
43. Shining
45. Hosiery
48. College yell
49. Capone's group, informally

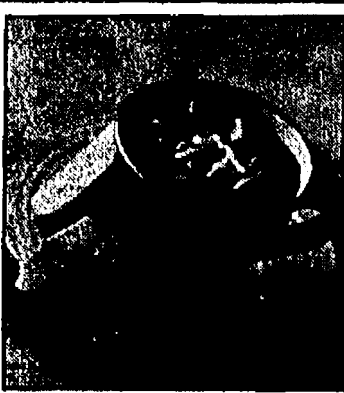
50. Out of the country
53. Harbor markers
56. Cambodian's neighbor
57. Slogan
60. Actress Thompson of Carrington
62. Cleave
63. He played Robin in 1938
64. Kilt wearer
65. Printers' measures
66. Cannon of Ally McBeal
67. Moslem commander

### DOWN

1. Woman from Kalamazoo
2. Man (Ayers film)
3. Measure for Old MacDonald
4. San Diego attraction
5. Stop \_\_\_ dime (2 wds.)
6. Gave temporarily
7. Poison popular with mystery writers
8. Yield by treaty
9. Included with
10. Alter the truth
12. Groups of livestock
13. Hails
14. Bushy fences

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

### RECIPE OF THE WEEK



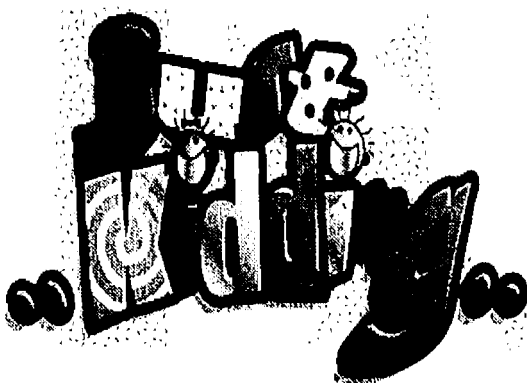
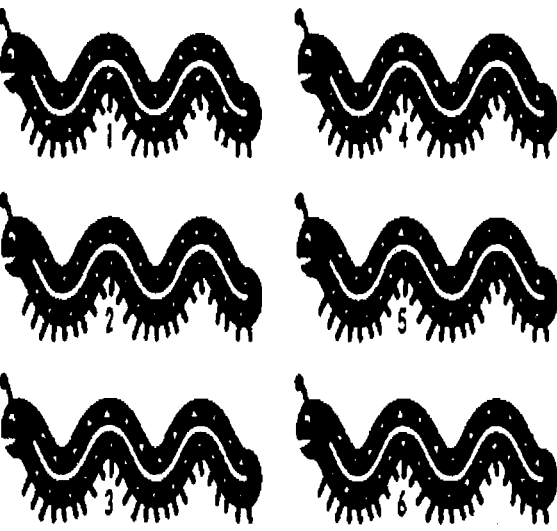
3 skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut into one-inch pieces  
1/3 cup white wine vinegar  
2 tablespoons Soy Sauce  
4 cloves garlic, minced  
2 bay leaves  
1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper  
1/4 cup water  
1 (15-ounce) can Chili with beans  
1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese

### Tangy Chicken Chili

To begin, place chicken in a large, shallow dish. Combine vinegar, soy sauce, garlic, bay leaves and ground red pepper. Pour mixture over chicken, tossing to coat. Cover and refrigerate four hours, stirring occasionally. Transfer chicken and marinade to heavy skillet, add water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove chicken and set aside. Bring liquid to a boil, uncovered, until reduced to 1/2 cup. Stir in chili and chicken. Simmer until thoroughly heated. Serve in bowls with shredded cheese.

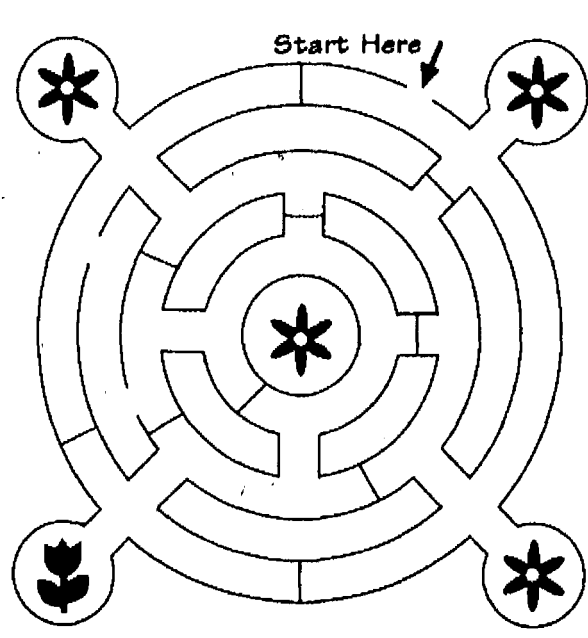
### FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



**DID YOU KNOW**  
Bill Gates has enough money to buy every house in Alaska

### MAZE



### Adopt a Pet



Scooter is a very friendly dog. He is a neutered male Cocker mix. He is always happy and likes people and other animals. He has been happy and likes people and other animals. He has been heartworm tested and has all of his vaccinations.

2004 Pet Calendars are still available for a donation of only \$5 each! The calendar is colorful and has the right sized date squares to log all of your important dates. We think the calendar will make a great affordable holiday gift for anyone of any age. Also, we still have about 25 Creature Comfort Cookbooks. Buy one for a donation of only \$15. We are now sold out of our Wild AnimalOpoly games! Stop by the Avalanche or the Shelter to purchase one (or both) of these great fund-raiser items. Cookbooks are also available at Riverland Gear and the Medicine Shoppe in Grayling. All proceeds go to the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:  
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 3 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of January 08, 2004



You've been feeling edgy lately. Maybe it's time you took a day off to relax and get your head together. Start making plans now.



Travel plans go awry. Don't get too upset—a new and even better opportunity will present itself. A memo provides insight into a dilemma.



Your diligence and attention to detail at work starts to pay off. Your boss assigns you several new projects and even asks you to lead a special one.



A friend's health scare inspires you to take better care of yourself. Start with a complete checkup and a new fitness routine.



Your passion for a particular cause is rekindled. Get out there and encourage your family and friends to help.



Feeling bored lately? Don't fret—new challenges lie ahead. A friend makes an important announcement.



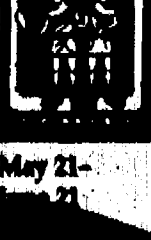
A special occasion draws near. Make the most of it by going someplace unusual. A long-lost friend returns.



Most of the time you're reserved, but this week, the claws come out when a coworker makes a false accusation. Stay calm, but stand firm.



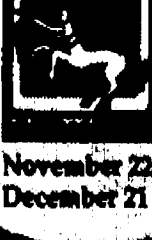
The moment has come for you to let go of your resentment toward a family member. What happened is over and done with—move on.



Just when you thought life couldn't get any better, a letter arrives bearing good news. Celebrate with a night out on the town.



You can think about the trouble brewing at home all you want. However, as long as you sit and do nothing, the problem will only get worse.



Looking for some excitement? Don't worry. You'll soon receive invitation to several fun parties.

### WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	SNOW	High	High	High	High	High	High
12/30	40	27	3	20	24	26	30	28	22
12/31	34	24	3	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
1/1	36	20	2	5	13	20	17	8	13
1/2	35	17	2						
1/3	42	34	2						
1/4	39	21	1						
1/5	39	15	2						
				Mostly Cloudy	Few Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

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less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

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Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties** www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99t/1)

**THE CLASSIFIED** - The perfect place to find that first home. (989) 348-6811

**NEW THREE BEDROOM,** two car attached, five miles east of town. \$87,000 (989) 348-4840 (-8-15-22-29/1)

**WILL BUY LAND CONTRACTS!** Ask for Bob (989) 348-4252. (-8-15/1)

**HOUSE FOR SALE** Three bedroom ranch, full basement partially finished, carport, 24 x 30 deck, great neighborhood, 1.5 miles from town, close to all schools. \$64,999. (989) 348-9703 (1/8/04t/1)

**3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, 2 1/2** acres, 2 car garage, storage shed, nice big yard, perfect up north retreat, 7 miles from Grayling. \$75,000 (989) 344-7669 1-800-848-1268 (1/8/04t/1)

**BECOME A HOMEOWNER** Free Homebuyer Classes now forming. We can help you clean up bad credit, learn financial management skills and prepare a budget you can live with. Call Alice at Northern Homes CDC to reserve your space. Classes starting in January at a location near you. Call Now! Toll free (866) 637-1834. (LR/22/04/1)

**VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENT** is now accepting applications for immediate occupancy, as well as waiting list positions. Very nice, two bedroom, two bath apartments with an attached garage and central air conditioning in a private secluded setting. Lease includes appliances, weekly garbage pickup, snow removal, and lawn care. Paved street, natural gas. Credit application required. No pets. Inquire at Farm Bureau Insurance - Herb Olson (989) 348-9456. (10/30/03t/2)

**CABINS FOR RENT** on 30 acres at Lost Acres, one bedroom, 11010 N. Old U.S. 27, south of Waters. Wooded, quiet, walk to Blue Gill Lake. \$375, plus \$200 security, all utilities included. No pets, call toll free 877-227-6976 or 586-216-0682. (11/13/03t/2)

## CONGRATULATIONS!

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

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### 2. For Rent

The Grayling Housing Commission currently has 1 bedroom (senior/disabled) apartments available. Rent is based on 30% of gross adjusted income or \$400 maximum rent. Utilities included or a utility allowance is applied. Please call 348-9314 for more information or stop in at 308 Lawndale.

### 2. For Rent

**PRICED TO SELL.** The perfect place to get away from it all. Three bedroom, two bath, 1,056 sq. ft. home on 3/4 acres just outside Roscommon. Includes a second one bedroom guest cottage and a two car heated garage. Motivated seller. Priced below appraised value. \$84,900. Handled by Charlene Scheer, contact her at (989) 348-7440. Location of home: 215 Fir Trail, Roscommon. (-18-25-1-8/1)

## Go With The Winning Team!



Randy Thompson  
Broker / Owner



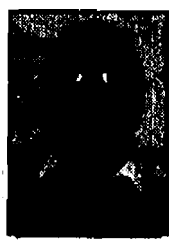
Connie Lynn Winans  
Sales Agent



Scott Hanson  
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Bill Borchert  
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Randall Hartley  
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Jerry Goanell  
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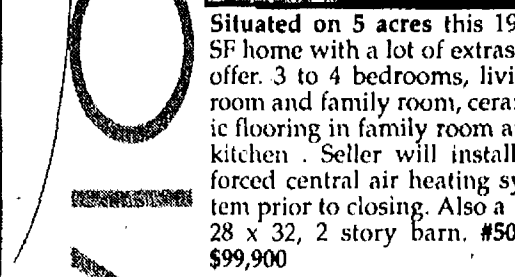
## Special Feature!



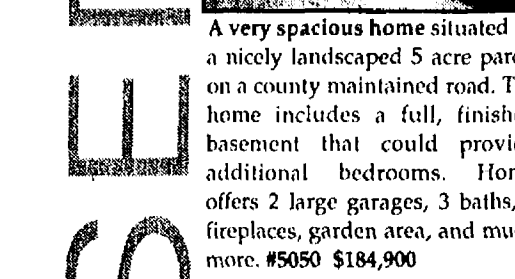
Adjoining state land is this quality 3 bedroom, 3 bath home. Features: hardwood floors throughout the kitchen, dining and breakfast nook; gas log fireplace in family room; large master bedroom suite with sunny sitting area and full bath; two car garage, 24x40 pole barn; large back deck and covered porch in front. #5138 \$184,000



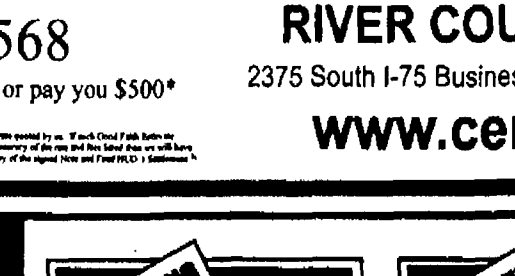
**Situated on 5 acres** this 1900 SF home with a lot of extras to offer. 3 to 4 bedrooms, living room and family room, ceramic flooring in family room and kitchen. Seller will install a forced central air heating system prior to closing. Also a 28 x 32, 2 story barn. #5094 \$99,900



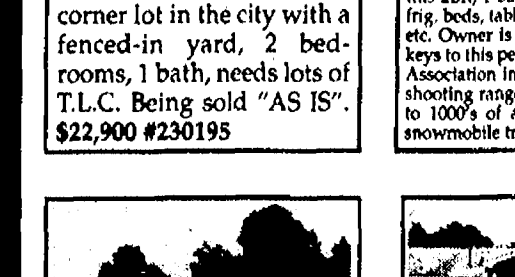
A very spacious home situated on a nicely landscaped 5 acre parcel on a county maintained road. The home includes a full, finished basement that could provide additional bedrooms. Home offers 2 large garages, 3 baths, 2 fireplaces, garden area, and much more. #5050 \$184,900



Very clean and cheerful home in Warbler's Hideaway. Three bedrooms and one full bath. Open floor plan with kitchen, dining area, and living room combined. Mud room off attached. Garage facilitates cleaning up after the snowmobile excursion. #5136 \$75,000



**Spotless three bedroom,** two bath Ranch with a walk-out basement, central air and attached garage. This home has an open floor plan and it is located very close to town. #5189 \$129,000



**Affordable Two Bedroom,** Two Bath Mobile on 3 acres, with decking and pole barn. Snowmobile trails, AuSable River, and an abundance of state land are very close to this property. #5172 \$54,900



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- **SHOPPENAGON'S INN**  
Downtown City of Grayling  
• Asking \$475,000
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• Asking \$199,500
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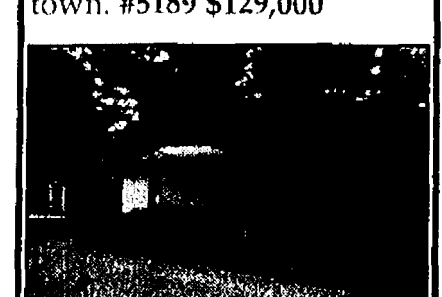
Office 348-5474  
Fax 348-4420

**RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS** at the corner of Hannah and Ballenger in Roscommon has one and two bedroom units available. Rent based on income, No Minimum Rent. Heat included. Applications at office on site or call (989) 275-4061 or 1-800-225-7982. Mention this ad and we pay your electric for two months. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442, W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-8-15-22-29/2)

**TWO BEDROOM, ONE BATH** home in city. 303 Date. \$395 per month plus utilities, references and deposit. (989) 348-8627 (12/18/03t/2)

### 1. Real Estate

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**NEW LISTING**

**INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY IN CITY** Nice corner lot in the city with a fenced-in yard, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, needs lots of TLC. Being sold "AS IS". \$22,900 #230195

**NEW LISTING**

**EXCEPTIONAL TURN-KEY CABIN** Clean, neat and completely furnished, this 2BR, 1 bath home includes stove, frig, beds, table & chairs, pots & pans, etc. Owner is ready to hand over the keys to this perfect Up North getaway. Association includes clubhouse, pool, shooting range and trout ponds. Close to 1000's of acres of state land and snowmobile trails. \$63,900 #230186

**NEW LISTING**

**BEAUTIFUL HOME NEAR CUB LAKE** This 3 BR, 2 bath home is located in a nice subdivision with a lot of privacy. Additional outbuildings on property, one of which is a building with a sauna never been used by current owner. Covered porch partially screened for those peaceful evenings. Very nice neighborhood near Cub Lake. \$169,900 #230196

**MOBILE WITH UPDATES** This well cared for 2 1/2, 1 bath mobile has covered 1/2 log to master suite, pine tongue & groove in the living room, and never drywall/oak wainscoting in the kitchen and dining room. Lots of built-ins, fenced back yard, new 12x15' Amish built shed with drive through and smaller shed for wood storage. A/C is installed but not hooked up. \$42,900 #229983

**PRIME PROPERTY ON BUSINESS LOOP** Prime commercial property located on a corner parcel of the business loop, 200' of frontage on the business loop, plus frontage on city-maintained Meadow Drive. Ideal location for retail business or restaurant. Seller willing to sell parcels separately. See licensed real estate agents. \$349,600 #19992

**CHARMING HOME WITH VIEW OF HOUGHTON LAKE** Loaded with charm and partially furnished, this 1 bedroom, 1 bath home has beautiful landscaping and includes a new bath this year, new alarm doors and more. Home is only 30' from Houghton Lake. Garage has large attached workshop/storage area. \$79,900 #228186

**CHARMING HOME IN WONDERFUL NEIGHBORHOOD** This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has it all! Not far from town, and next to a private game club with 1800 acres. Central air, 5 block lighted crawl, fenced yard, and landscaped with many flowers. Great neighbors and beautiful setting to start a family or retire and enjoy the amenities of the area. \$97,900 #228042

**CUTE HOME WITH SUN PORCH** Great location, perfect starter home. 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 12'x16' sun porch, gas log fireplace. Possible 3rd bedroom. Just minutes from downtown or expressway. Much, much more. \$76,300 #228089

**PERFECT PROPERTY FOR WEEKEND GETAWAY** Beautiful 10.07 acres in great snowmobile area. Includes 18 foot travel trailer. Perfect for a weekend getaway or hunting camp. \$33,000 #228516

**NICE 10 ACRES** PARCELS with state land only 1/4 mile away. A great spot for a cabin, home, or just a camping site. Lots of deer in the area and 90% wooded. Land Contract Possible. \$25,400 & \$24,000 #222624-222637

**WOODED ACREAGE** Acreage in a nice mix of hardwoods, pines, rolling hills and meadows. Lots are in 10, 20, and 40 acre parcels. Prices from \$35,000 to \$130,000 #14849-14888

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**BUILDING SITE WITH ELECTRIC AND WATER** Great 1.51 acre building site with a well and hand pump, electric, and a 24' 1971 Coachman camper. Association dues include plowing, grading, clubhouse with pool, and access to the East Branch of the AuSable River. Adjoining acre lot also available for \$15,000. \$11,500 #229944

**LIFETIME PASSES TO SKI & GOLF INCLUDED** Great 1.72 acre parcel at an awesome price. Includes 2 lifetime memberships for the golf course and ski resort for a value of \$20,000. Seller also offering a \$5,000 builder discount on a contract to build a home for a minimum of 1,700 square foot or larger. See file for building restrictions. \$49,900 #225549



**TWO BEDROOM, ONE BATH** home 15 minutes north-east of Grayling on Co. Rd. 612. Lake access, lease, credit check and references required. Call (989) 348-9353. (-8-15/2)

**ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT** on AuSable in town. \$365-380 per month. References. (231) 599-2895 (7/31/03/f/2)

**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE** home for rent. Newly refurbished. New carpeting. Inquire (989) 619-2800 daytime, (989) 348-0194 nights. (10/23/03/f/2)

**HOUSE FOR RENT** 3108 Margrethe Blvd. Two bedroom, one bath, range, refrigerator. \$425 month plus \$425 security deposit, plus utilities, natural gas, no pets. (989) 348-4716 (1/8/04/f/2)

**NICE, CLEAN TWO BEDROOM** mobile home with natural gas. \$400 a month plus deposit. No pets. (989) 348-2418 (-1-8-15-22/2)

**ROOMS FOR RENT** Phone/bus available, six miles from Grayling. \$200 and up a month. (989) 348-7506 (-8/2)

**ONE BEDROOM STUDIO** apartment fully furnished. Includes utilities plus Dish network. Very private setting. \$475 a month. (989) 619-8746 (-8/2)

**MOBILE HOME**, two bedroom, new carpet, in wooded setting at 11006 N. Old U.S. 27. \$395 plus security and utilities. No pets. Toll free 877-227-6976 or 586-216-0682. Walk to lake. (11/13/03/f/2)

**FOR LEASE COMMERCIAL** Building. Approximately 4,000 ft., great retail location at light on M-72 West and 93. Call for details. (989) 348-8659 (11/20/03/f/2)

**RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS** 306 Knight Street in Grayling has one bedroom units. Persons must be 62 years or older and/or handicapped or disabled of any age. Rent based on income. No Minimum Rent. Applications at office on site or call Linda at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-8-15-22-29/2)

**72 EAST & STEPHAN** Bridge area, two bedroom. \$400 and one month security deposit. (586) 774-5327 (-8-15/2)

**WEEKLY AND MONTHLY** house rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, Higgins Lake and Houghton Lake. Higgins North Cottage Rentals. (989) 821-3434 (12/25/03/f/2)

**KITCHENETTE FOR RENT** No deposit and includes all utilities, cable TV. Stove, refrigerator. Phone available. Western Trails Motel. (989) 348-7681 (-8/2)

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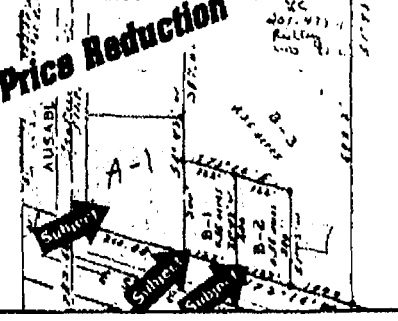
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